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*The Weber MSS.—Another collection of ancient manuscripts from
Central Asia.—By DR. A. F. RUDOLF HOERNLE.*

(With four Plates.)

In July last I received from the Reverend F. Weber, Moravian Missionary in Leh in Ladak, a small packet, containing ancient manuscripts.

Regarding the circumstances under which the manuscripts were discovered, and given to Mr. Weber, the latter in two letters, dated the 21st June and 29th July last, gives me the following information. They were found in the neighbourhood of a place called Kugiar, in a "house" which, apparently, since times immemorial had been ruined and buried. An Afghan merchant, hoping to discover buried treasure, with much trouble undertook the excavation of the "house." He found, however, only the bodies of some "cows," which on the first contact crumbled into dust. At the same time he found also the manuscripts. As Mr. Weber is known to the people to be a collector of Tibetan curiosities, the manuscripts were taken to him by a person who had received them from the finder. He was also shown an "Urdû" letter from the latter, giving the above account of his exploration, but not knowing "Urdû," Mr. Weber could not read the letter himself.

It would have been satisfactory to learn something more accurate about the identity of the so-called "house" in which, and the "cows"

with which the manuscripts are said to have been found. But, on enquiry, Mr. Weber wrote me that he was unable to obtain any further information.

The place Kugiar will be found on any good map of Central Asia at $77^{\circ} 12'$ long. and $37^{\circ} 25'$ lat., about 60 miles south of Yarkand, at an altitude of 6450'. A straight line, drawn from Leh to Yarkand, very nearly passes through Kugiar; it is a little to the left of that line, and lies just within the borders of the Chinese territory.

I found the manuscripts enclosed, after the fashion of Indian manuscripts, between two pieces of wooden boards. These are of unequal size, one measuring $9\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches, the other $7\frac{1}{4}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. They are, each, pierced by one hole, which is not in the middle of the board, but towards one side; in the larger board it is at a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}''$, in the smaller at $1\frac{1}{2}''$, from its narrow margin. Corresponding holes, on one side only, are in all the leaves of the manuscripts. This one-sided position of the string-hole is also observable in the Bower Manuscripts, and it appears to be a peculiarity of Central Asian manuscripts. I do not remember ever having observed it in any Indian manuscript. These have either one string-hole in the middle of the leaf, or they have two holes, one toward either narrow margin. Facsimiles of leaves with one hole are given in Dr. Mitra's *Sanskrit Notices*, and such of leaves with two holes, in Mr. Bendall's Catalogue of *Buddhist Sanskrit MSS*. The famous Horiuzi Manuscript, which originally came from India, has two holes, as may be seen from the facsimiles published by Prof. Bühler in the *Anecdota Oxoniensia*, Vol. I, Part III. On the other hand, the facsimile of the Central Asian manuscript, published by Mr. S. Oldenburg, in the Records of the Oriental Transactions of the Imperial Russian Archaeological Society, Vol. VII, p. 81, 82, shows the peculiar one-sided hole. This practice of using an one-sided hole, therefore, would seem to be a mark by which a manuscript may be distinguished as coming from Central Asia. Another point to be noted is, that, like the Bower MSS., the Weber Manuscripts also are of the oblong shape, usual to Indian manuscripts, as distinguished from the square shaped Kashmirian. The square shape, indeed, appears to be an exceptional peculiarity of the Kashmirian manuscripts. All others, Indian, Nepalese, Tibetan and Central Asian are of an oblong shape.

On examining the Weber Manuscripts, I found that they formed a collection of fragments of nine (or possibly eleven) different manuscripts.

These are fragmentary in two ways. In the first place, not one of them is complete, a more or less large number of leaves being wanting both at the beginning and at the end. Secondly, every leaf is mutilated on the right or left or on both sides. On the other hand, they are, as a

rule, perfect at the top and bottom. The following is a list of leaves of the several parts composing the manuscripts:—

Part	I,	consisting of	9	leaves.
"	II	"	7	"
"	III	"	6	"
"	IV	"	1	"
"	V	"	8	"
"	VI	"	5	"
"	VII	"	7	"
"	VIII	"	8	"
"	IX	"	26	"

Nine Parts consisting of 76 leaves.





All the nine manuscripts are written on paper. Their paper is of differing qualities. In the main there are two kinds: one kind is thick, soft, flexible and white; it is so soft indeed, that its surface is apt to fret, and thus to injure the writing. The other kind is thin, hard and stiff, and of a more or less brownish colour. No. IX (Central Asian) has the softest and whitest texture. Also soft, but less white is the paper of Nos. 1 and 2 (Indian) and Nos. 6 and 7 (Central Asian). Harder and darker is the paper of Nos. 3 and 4 (Indian) and No. 5 (Central Asian). Distinctly hard and brown is the paper of No. VIII (Central Asian). The manuscripts, written in Central Asian characters, therefore, are inscribed on paper of the greatest variety, from the whitest and softest to the stiffest and darkest.







The paper, by appearance and touch, appears to me to be of the kind, commonly known as Nepalese, which is manufactured from several varieties of the *Daphne* plant. Dr. George King, the Director of the Botanical Gardens, has been good enough to examine the paper, and agrees with me that probably it is paper "made of the fibres of *Daphne papyracea*, or of *Edgeworthia Gardneri*, which are still used as raw material for paper-making in the Himalayas." The better description of paper is made of fibres of *Edgeworthia Gardneri*. A very full account of this so-called Nepalese paper, its material and manufacture, will be found in Dr. Watt's *Dictionary of Economic Products of India*, Vol. III, p. 19, where also references to other sources of information are given.

For the purpose of being inscribed this paper appears to have been specially prepared with some kind of sizing, probably made of white arsenic. On the leaves of some of the manuscripts this size forms a thick glazed coat on which the letters are traced. Occasionally this glazed coat has peeled off, in which case the letters which it bore have disappeared with it. This is particularly the case with Part V, and may

be seen on Plate II, fig. 1. In the case of Part IX, the coat, apparently under the influence of damp, has caused the leaves to stick together, and thus extensive damage has been done, as may be seen from figures 3-5 on Plate III.

A very striking peculiarity of the Weber Manuscripts is, that they are written in two quite distinct types of written characters. One of them—that in which Parts I, II, III and IV are written—is the well-known Indian character, of the North-Western Gupta variety, being the same type (though a different sub-variety) as that used in the Bower MSS. This type of character is sufficiently well-known, and I need not say anything more about it here.

The other type of characters, used in Parts V-IX, is what I may call the Central Asian Nāgarī. It is a peculiar angular and slanting form of the Indian Nāgarī characters. On the whole the several Parts exhibit these characters in a variety of handwritings, though the essential type of the characters is the same. There is, however, a distinct variety, not merely of handwriting, but of type, noticeable between the characters used in Parts V-VIII and in Part IX. The test letters are the dental *th* and *dh*. In Part IX their shape is angular and squarish,  *th* and  *dh*, while in Parts V-VIII it is round,  *th* and  *dh*. (See Plate IV.) For the purpose of comparing these two varieties of the Central Asian Nāgarī, Parts VII and IX (Plate II, fig. 6 and Plate III, figs. 3-5) are the best, because in their general style of handwriting they most nearly resemble one another. In the sequel, I shall refer to these two varieties as the round and the square varieties of the Central Asian Nāgarī.

I may here refer to a few other peculiarities of the Central Asian alphabet. Firstly, the curious form of the super-scribed vowel *ē*, with its curve turned to the right. Secondly, the curious form of the letter *m*. I have observed this form, in a few rare cases, on gold coins of Samudra Gupta. It has, clearly, grown out of the angular Indo-Scythian form of *m*; and its origination would fall in the early time of the Gupta period (Samudra Gupta 380-395 A.D.). The series of changes would be these , , , , all of these forms being represented on Gupta coins, and the last being the parent of the Central Asian form. Thirdly, the curious resemblance between the forms of  *r* and  *n*. They can only be distinguished by the fact, that the right-hand angle of *n* is more decidedly acute-angled. Fourthly, the curious symbol of a double dot over letters,—in fact a double anusvāra. It may be seen frequently in Mr. Oldenburg's Kashgar manuscript. In the Weber Manuscripts, it occurs only in Part IX, which, as above remarked, is distinguished by being written in the square variety of the Central Asian Nāgarī. It is,

however, not so much the mark of a particular variety of characters, as of a particular language, and its exact power I do not know. Part IX is not written in Sanskrit, nor have I met with the double dot in any Sanskrit text, except once. On the smaller of the two wooden boards, three lines are inscribed in Central Asian characters. The board probably belongs to the work contained in Part VII, which treats of a Buddhist charm, the lines are written in Sanskrit and run as follows:—

[*namô*]¹—*vidyâdharasya*—*dukshinê hastê*—*mañi dhârayitavyam*—*api cha*
[*pârṇa*]-*râtr-ôvavustêna*—*suchi-smâtêna*—*su-vâstra-prâvritêna sâdhayivya*
[.]² *siddhi* ||

The words in brackets are broken off and have been conjecturally supplied. The meaning is: "Salutation to the Vidyâdhara! Let the jewel be placed in the right hand; then having fasted the whole night, washed clean, and put on fresh garments, success will be secured by me."¹

Here there is the double anusvâra over the akshara *vri* of *prâvritêna*. But what it is there intended to signify, I do not know. In Part IX, it is occasionally found on Sanskrit words, thus *mañchaṁshṭham*, which is a mis-spelling for *mañjishṭhâ*. Here it may possibly mark a modification in the sound of the vowels; but its real power is obscure.

I add a table of the Central Asian alphabet, showing the forms of single as well as compound letters. See Plate IV. They are nearly all excerpted from the leaves shown in my Plates I to III. In this table are also shown the ancient numeral figures. They are found in several of the manuscripts; viz., Parts I, II, IV, VI.

The Central Asian Nâgarî has a curious resemblance to the so-called "Wartu" characters of the Tibetans. In this Journal, for 1888, Vol. LVII, will be found two plates (I and II) showing these "Wartu" characters. It belongs to a paper, published by Bâbû S. C. Das, on *the Sacred and Ornamental Characters of Tibet* (*ibid.*, p. 41). The resemblance, however, is still more striking to certain characters, shown on Plate I, in the *Asiatic Researches*, Vol. XVI (for 1828), and there designated respectively as *Khacheehee*, *Gramtsodee*, *Seendookee*, and *Pookangkee*. The plate seems to have been prepared by Mr. Hodgson from "a vast number of manuscripts, great and small fragments," as specimens of "*Bhotiya*" (i. e., Tibetan) penmanship.²

¹ Perhaps *sâdhayishyatê* should be read for *sâdhayivya*[.]², or *sâdhayitavyâ mē*. With *uvavustêna* compare the Pâli *upavuttha*.

² The letters on the Plate would seem to be intended for facsimiles, but the accuracy of the copy is not above suspicion. There are certainly some obvious mistakes in the identification of the letters; thus the third group (from the left) in the last line, is not *p*, *ph*, *b*, *bh*, *m*, but *t*, *th*, *d*, *dh*, *n*. Again the third letter in the third line is not *pa*, but *pâ*.

The Tibetan tradition with regard to the "Wartu" characters is rather uncertain. In the paper, above referred to, Bâbû S. C. Das says, that the "Wartu" characters were introduced into Tibet by Sambhoṭa (or Thon-mi, the son of Anu) from Magadha in North-Eastern India, about 630-650 A. D. Since then he has been re-examining the traditions of Tibet on this point, and he now informs me that the "Wartu" characters were rather introduced from the North-Western extremity of India, namely from Kāshmir, called in Tibetan *Kha-che*. He has supplied me with the following passage from the Bu-ston Chos byuñ (fl. 138): "He (*i. e.*, King Srong Tsan Gampo, 630 A. D.) ascended the throne at the age of 18. He brought the border chieftains under subjection. He made presents to them, (and) read letters (sent by them). Before that (time) there was no written language in Tibet. He sent Thon-mi, son of Anu, with sixteen attendants to learn the letters. He learnt from Pandit Deva-vid Simha the Śabda Vidyā. He designed 30 letters, adapting them to the Tibetan language. He based the four fundamental vowels, called *Āli*, (*i. e.*, *i*, *e*, *o*, *u*) on *a*. In form these letters (vowels and consonants) resembled the characters of *Khacho*. This was done at the fort of Maru in Lhasa. He wrote eight grammatical works on the orthography and syntax of the Tibetan Grammar." The Bâbû also informs me, that in later days the country of Liyul or Khoten was included in the general name of *Khacho*; and further that the letters which were brought from India, through Nepal, were the so-called *Lāntsha* (see Plate VIII in Journal, vol. LVII), introduced in the reign of Thisroñ Deu-tsan.

Here the following points may be noted: In the first place, the 34 original letters of Tibet (*i. e.*, 29 consonants and 5 vowels) elaborated by Sambhoṭa, are shown on Plate II(a) in Bâbû S. Ch. Das' paper. They are the so-called *U-cha*n or "headed" characters. It will be noticed that among them "the four fundamental vowels" are certainly adaptations of the form of the vowel *a*. This, so far, bears out the tradition above quoted from the Bustan. But, for the rest, the letters show no particular resemblance to the "Wartu" or "Khacho" characters, any more than to any other Indian system of writing (*e. g.*, the Gupta or *Lantsha*.) Possibly this may be put down to the fact, that Sambhoṭa may have modified the shapes of the letters he adopted; or it may be due to subsequent alterations, the table not showing the exact shape the letters received at the hands of Sambhoṭa, but such as they assumed in the course of time.

But, secondly, it is noteworthy that the letter *y* in Sambhoṭa's alphabet shows the ancient tri-dentate shape of that letter. In the table of "Wartu" characters, on the other hand, that letter shows its

modern (square) form. It is clear, therefore, that the "Wartu" letters, from which Sambhoṭa copied his own, cannot have been precisely the same as those exhibited in Bābū S. Ch. Das' table. Now there is an unmistakable similarity of the letters shown in the table of the *Asiatic Researches*, on the one hand, with the Bābū's "Wartu" characters, and on the other, with the Central Asian characters in the Weber Manuscripts. In the table there is a series of *Khacheechee* letters, that is, clearly, letters of *Khache* (Central Asia.) These, therefore, should be the letters, from which Sambhoṭa adapted his alphabet. And, as a matter of fact, it will be found that the letter *y* shows in that table its old tri-dentate form. But further, in that table the letter *y* appears in three different forms: first, in the distinctly tri-dentate form (**W**) in the second line, then in an intermediate bi-annulate form (**W**) in the third line, and lastly in the (practically) modern square form in the fourth line. The last of these three forms, the modern one, is never found in any portion of our manuscripts. The form in which it is usually occurs in them, is the intermediate, bi-annulate one. In the most ancient tri-dentate form it only occurs, optionally, in Part V of the Weber Manuscripts. With regard to the Tibetan alphabet, the evidence seems to point to this conclusion, that Sambhoṭa had before him a "Khache" alphabet, similar to those shown in the Plate of the *Asiatic Researches*, but sufficiently ancient, to still show uniformly the ancient tri-dentate form of the letter *y*, which, in its turn, explains the presence of that ancient form in the current Tibetan alphabet. The characters he had before him may have been something similar to those seen in Part V of the Weber Manuscripts. On the other hand, the "Wartu" letters, shown in Bābū S. C. Das' plate had for their prototype a somewhat later "Khache" alphabet,—one which had already adopted the modern square form of the letter *y*.

The whole of the Weber Manuscripts are written in the Sanskrit language, of more or less grammatical purity, except Part IX. This is written in the square variety of the Central Asian Nāgarī, and in a language which to me is unintelligible. The strange ligatures that occur in it, such as *lkkh*, *tsts*, *yl*, *shsh*, *pts*, *bhb*, *ññ*, *ys*, etc., are foreign to Sanskrit or any Sanskritic language that I know of; yet undoubted Sanskrit words do occur numerously interspersed in the text. Such are *āsvakānda* and *āsvagandha*, *sirisha* (Skr. *sirīsha*)-*pushpa*, *priyaṅgu*, *punarnava*, *mañchamshtham* (Skr. *mañjishṭhā*), *sṛava* (Skr. *sārivā*), *mēdha* and *mahāmēdha* (Skr. *mēda* and *mahāmēda*), *prapundarikha* or *prapuntarikha* (both spellings occur for Skr. *prapaundarikā*), *kaṭu-rōhiṇī*, *kākōrī* and *īshṭra-kākōrī*, *dēvadāru*, etc. It will be noticed that most of the names are not correctly spelled; unaspirates being ex-

changed with aspirates, sonants with surds, cerebrals with dentals, etc. But there can be no shadow of doubt as to the identity of the words. They are Sanskrit names of medicinal plants. I have not yet been able to give to the subject any thorough examination, but I suspect that we have in Part IX a medical treatise written in some Mongolian (Tibetan) or Turki language, treating of Indian medicine, and hence using Sanskrit medical terms.

The curious circumstance, however, with regard to this Part IX is that, both with reference to the characters (square variety) and the language, it clearly belongs to the same class of manuscripts as the Kashgar MS., published by Mr. Oldenburg. Of the latter manuscript I shall give some account at the end of this paper.

On the age of the Weber MSS., I am not able to give such a definite opinion as on that of the Bower MSS., though I am not disposed to believe that any portion of it can be referred to a date later than the 7th century A. D. In the Indian portions of the manuscript (Parts I to IV) no other than the old tri-dentate form of *y* ever occurs. On this ground these portions should be of the same date as the Bower MSS., i. e., belong to the 5th century A. D. In some points they are even more antique than the Bower MSS. Thus the compound *r*, preceding another consonant, is uniformly written level with the line of writing (never above it, like the vowel marks). The consonant *p* has also preserved a more ancient shape.

The Central Asian portions of the Weber Manuscripts show occasionally in Part V, the old tri-dentate form **W** of *y*, and otherwise throughout the intermediate bi-annulate form **W**. No trace of the modern square form is seen anywhere. I call the bi-annulate form "intermediate," not because it presents a stage of development intermediate between the old tri-dentate and the modern square forms, but simply because it is clearly a "current" form grown out of the older tri-dentate. It seems to me doubtful whether it was ever superseded by the later Indian "current" square form. On the other hand, it is so easily formed out of the older tri-dentate form, that it may have been and probably was nearly contemporaneous with it. I am disposed to believe, that the Gupta *ya* (the old tri-dentate form) as it was carried from Kashmîr into the more northern and north-eastern parts (Kashgar, Yarkand, Khoten) of Central Asia, assumed and always retained the bi-annulate form, while in the more south-eastern parts (Western Tibet) it retained at first its tri-dentate form and was afterwards gradually changed into the modern (Indian) square form. When Sambhoṭa went to "Khache" (Central Asia, i. e. Kashmîr, Liyul, Khotan) to bring thence the letters in 630-650 A. D., he evidently found the tri-dentate form in use in the particular

part of the country which he visited. Towards the end of the 7th century and early in the 8th, Central Asia was overrun by the Muhammadan armies of the *Khalifat*, and this put an end to the Sanskrit culture of those regions. Hence our Central Asian manuscripts which still show evidences of a distinct Sanskrit culture cannot well be placed after that date.

I now proceed to describe the several parts of the Weber MSS. in detail:—

Part I. (See Plate I, fig. 1.) There are nine leaves, mutilated on the right-hand side. They measure $7\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches, and have eight lines to the page, excepting the obverse of the 14th leaf, which has 9 lines. The leaves are consecutively numbered, from 7 to 15, in the old style of figures. The first six leaves and those after the fifteenth are wanting. The obverse of the 15th leaf is shown in Plate I, fig. 1. The number 15 (i. e., the figure for 10, and below it the figure for 5) is seen on the left-hand margin. The page reads as follows:—

- 1, चत्तुस्रारं गजनिष्कृतसंस्थितं पञ्चचत्वारिंशसुक्तर्योगं मधुसाजाहारं वैश्वदेवतं मङ्ग
- 2, जिगमचं चितारं गोशीर्षसंस्थितं सप्तमसुक्तर्योगं वायुक्रावादां ब्रह्मायनौगीचेण ॥ ॥
- 3, वसन्तसंस्थितं त्रिंशसुक्तर्योगं पश्चिमांशुहारं विष्णुदेवतं ब्रह्मावर्णीगीचेण ॥ इतो
- 4, पश्चिमहारौकानि नचचाणि ॥ धनिष्ठानचत्तुस्रारं शकुनसंस्थितं त्रिंश-
[सुक्तर्योगं]
- 5, वतं कत्याय गोचेण ॥ शतभिषा नचत्तुस्रारं निषकसंस्थितं पञ्च-
नी [दशसुक्तर्योगं]
- 6, देवतं ताण्डायनीगीचेण ॥ पूर्वभद्रपदा नचत्तुस्रारं पताकसंस्थितं त्रिंशम
- 7, आग्निहोत्रदेवतं जातुकर्णीगीचेण ॥ उत्तरभद्रपदा नचत्तुस्रारं पताकसंस्थितं
- 8, गोमांसाहारं आर्धमाकस्यदेवतं शिरषायनीगीचेण ॥ इतो नचत्तुस्रारं

In the following Roman transliteration I have added, in straight brackets and italics, the missing portions, so far as it is possible to deduce them from the context and other parts of the manuscript. It will be seen that from 9 to 11 aksharas are missing in each line, which would occupy nearly two inches of the leaf. The original size of the leaf, therefore, must have been $9\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches, that is, exactly the size of the larger of the two wooden boards. This circumstance would seem to prove that the larger board was one of the two covers of this particular manuscript.

- 1, kshatram chatus-tāram gaja-vikkrama-samsthitam pañcha-chatvā-
ri[m]śa-muhūrta-yōgam madhu-lāj-āhāram Vaiśya-daivata[m]
M[au]dga[dāyāni-gôtrēna 19 || Abhi-]
- 2, ji nakshatram tri-tāram gô-sirsha-samsthitam sapta-mâhūrta-yōgam

- vāyu-kraksh-āhāram Brahmāyani-gôtrêṇa 20 || Śra[vaṇô naksh-
atram tri-tāram yu-]
- 3, va-maddhya-samsthitam trimśa-muhūrta-yôgam pakshi-māms-āhā-
ram Vikshu-dôvataṁ Brahmāvarṇi-gôtrêṇa 21 || It-i[māni bhô
Pushkarasāri sapta].
- 4, paśchima-dvārikāni nakshatrāṇi || Dhanishṭhā nakshatram chatu-
s-tāram śakuna-samsthitam trimśa-muhūrta-yôgam [...-āhāram
Vāsava-dai-]
- 15 vataṁ Katyāyani-gôtrêṇa 22 || Satabhishā nakshatram ēka-tāram
tilaka-samsthitam pañchaḍaśa-muhūrta-[yôgam . . . -āhāram
Varuṇa-]
- 6, daivatam Tāṇḍāyani-gôtrêṇa 23 || Pūrva-bhadrpadā nakshatram
dvi-tāram patākā-samsthitam trimśa-m[u]h[ūrta-yôgam . . . -
āhāram]
- 7, Ābhividdhi-daivatam Jātukarṇi-gôtrêṇa 24 || Uttamra-bhadrpadā
nakshatram dvi-tāram patākā-samsthita[m pañcha-chatvārimśa-
muhūrta-yôgam]
- 8, gô-māms-āhāram Āryam-ākālpa-daivatam Hiranyāyani-gôtrêṇa 25 ||
Rēvati nakshatram ēka[-tāram . . -samsthitam trimśa-muhūrta-]

Fifteenth Leaf : Reverse.

- 1, yôgam guḍa-kamsār-bhōjanam³ Pushya-daivatam Bhārgavan-gô-
trêṇa 26 || Āsvini nakshatram tri-tāra[m . . -samsthitam trimśa-
muhūrta-yôgam ya-]
- 2, kṛiṇ-māmsa-bhōjanam Gandharva-daivatam Āsvāyani-gôtrêṇa 27 ||
Bharani nakshatram tri-tāram bhaga-sam[sthitam trimśa-mu-
hūrta-yôgam]
- 3, taṇḍul-āhāram Yama-daivatam (arthavam)⁴ Bhārgavi-gôtrêṇa 28 ||
It=imāni bhô Pushkarasārin=sapt=ōttara-dv[ārikāni nakshatrāṇi ||
Ity=ēśhām]
- 4, bhô Pushkarasārin ashtā-vimśatinām nakshatrāṇām katamāni nak-
shatrāṇi pañcha-chatvārimśa-muhū[r]itāni shat tad-yathā Rōhiṇi
Punarva-]
- 5, suḥ uttarā Phalguni Viśākhā uttar-Āshāḍhā uttarā Bhadrpadā —
pañcha nakshatrāṇi pañcha[ḍaśa-muhūrtāni tad-yathā Ārdrā]
- 6, Āślēshā Svāti Jyēsthā Satabhishā ēkā Abhiji ashtau muhūrta
śēshāṇi trimśa-muhūrtāni nakshatr[āṇi pūrva-dvārikānām]

³ This was the original reading; by the interlinear insertion of the akshara *hā* it is now changed to *guḍa-kams-āhāra-bhōjanam*.

⁴ This word is inserted interlinearly, with a mark indicating the proper place where it should be read in the line.

7, nakshatrāṇām Kīrtikā pūrvam Aślēshā paschimā dakṣiṇa-dvārikā-
nām nakshatrāṇām Maghā pūrvam Viśākhā paschi[ma paschi-
ma-dvārikānām na-]

8, kshatrāṇām Anurādhā pūrvam Śravanah paschimah uttara-dvārikā-
nām nakshatrāṇām Dhanishṭhā pūrvam paschimā Bha[raṇi . . .
. . .]

I may add the remainder of the remarks on the nakshatras from
the preceding leaves 13 and 14 :—

Thirteenth Leaf: Reverse.

- 1, katamē Vātsā Brāhma-chāraṇaḥ Chhandōgā katī Chhandōgānām
bhēdāḥ shaṭ katamē tad=yathā gōdhū[.]
- 2 kapimjalōyā atyāsanam=iti kim-gōtrī mātā Pārāsarī—paṭhati bhavān=
nakshatra-varṇsam=atha kim katha[yatu mē tad=yathā Kīrtikā 1]
- 3, Rōhiṇī 2 Mrigaśīrah 3 Ārdrā 4 Punnarvasuh 5 Pushyāḥ 6 Aślēshā
7 Maghā 8 Pūrva-phalgu[nī 9 Uttara-phalgunī 10 Hastāḥ]
- 4, 11 Chitrā 12 Svātīḥ 13 Aśākhā (sic) 14 Anurādhā 15 Jyēsthā 16
Mūlah 17 Pūrvāshādhā [18 Uttarāshādhā 19 Abhijī]
- 5, 20 Śravanah 21 Dhanishṭhā 22 Satabbishā 23 Pūrva-bhadrpadā
24 Uttara-bhadrpadā 25 Rē[vatī 26 Aśvinī 27 Bhara-]
- 6, nī 28 ity=ētāny=ashtāvimsati nakshatrāṇi kati-tārāṇi kim-samsthā-
nāni kati-muhūrtāni kim-gōtrāṇi ki[m-bhōjanāni kim-]
- 7, daivatāni—Kīrtikā nakshatram shaṭ-tārām kshura-samsthānam
triṃśa-muhūrta-yōgam dadhi-āhāram Agni-daivatam=Agni[vē-
śya-gōtrēṇa 1 || Rōhi-]
- 8, nī nakshatram pañcha-tārām śakaṭ-ōddhi-samsthānam pañcha-cha-
tvārimśa-muhūrta-yōgam vṛisha-matsya-bhōjanam prajā[pati-
daivatam . . . -gōtrēṇa 2 ||]

Fourteenth Leaf: Obverse.

- 1, Mrigaśīrasam nakshatram tri-tārām mṛiga-śirsha-samsthitam
triṃśa-muhūrta-yōgam mṛiga-matsya-bhōjanam Sōma-d[ai]va-
ta[m . . . -gōtrēṇa 3 || Ārdrā na-]
- 2, kshatram ēka-tārām tilaka-samsthitam pañchadaśa-muhūrtā-yōgam
navanīt-āhāram Rudra-daivatam Hāritāyana-gō[trēṇa 4 || Punnar-
vasur=nakshatram]
- 3, dvi-tārām patākā-samsthitam pañcha-chatvārimśa-yōgam sarpi-
maṇḍ-āhāram Āditya-daivatam Vasishṭha-gōtrē[ṇa 5 || Pushyō
nakshatram tri-tā-]
- 4, ram vardhamāna-samsthitam triṃśa-muhūrta-yōgam padhv-āhā-
ram Brihaspati-daivatam Alabanōyavi-gōtrē[ṇa 6 || Aślēshā nak-
shatram paṇ-]

- 5, cha-tāram akāsa-patākā-samsthitaṁ pañchadaśa-muhūrta-yōgaṁ matsa-yakṛi-bhōjanam sarpi-dai[vatam . . . -gōtrēṇa 7 || I-]
- 6, t=imāni bhō Pushkarasāri sapta pūrva-dvārikāni nakshatrāṇi || Maghā nakshatram pañcha-tāram nadi-kramja-samsthi[tam trimśa-muhūrta-yōgam . . -]
- 7, bhōjanam Piṭṛi-dēvatam Piṅgāyani-gōtrēṇa 8 || Pūrva-phalguni nakshatram dvi-tāram patākā-samsthitaṁ [trimśa-muhūrta-yōgam . . -āhāram]
- 8, Bhaga-daivatam Gōtāma-gōtrēṇa 9 || Uttarā phalguni nakshatram dvi-tāram patākā-samsthitaṁ pañcha-chatvārim[śa-muhūrta-yōgam . . -āhāram] .

Fourteenth Leaf: Reverse.

- 1, Ārya-daivatam Kauṣiki-gōtrēṇa 10 || Hastō nakshatram hasta-samsthitaṁ pañcha-tāram trimśa-muhūrta-yōga[ni . . . -āhāram . . . -dai-]
- 2, vatam Kātyāyani-gōtrēṇa 11 || Chitrā nakshatram ēka-tāram tilaka-samsthitaṁ trimśa-muhūrta-yōgam mudga-[bhōjanam . . . -daivatam . . -]
- 3, kī-gōtrēṇa 12 || Svātir=nakshatram ēka-tāram tilaka-samsthitaṁ pañchadaśa-muhūrta-yōgam phal-āhāram [. . . -daivatam . . . -gō-]
- 4, trēṇa 13 || Viśākhā nakshatram dvi-tāram vishāṇa-samsthitaṁ pañcha-chatvārimśa-muhūrta-yōgam ti [. . . -āhāram . . . -daivatam]
- 5, Satkṛityāyani-gōtrēṇa 14 || It=imāni bhō Pushkarasārin=sapta nakshatrāṇi dakṣiṇa-dvārikāni || [Anurādhā nakshatram . . -tā-]
- 6, ram ratna-sphaḍika-samsthitaṁ trimśa-muhūrta-yōgam māsha-sūp-ōdana-bhōjanam Mītra-daivatam Alamba[nēyavī gōtrēṇa 15 ||]
- 7, Jyēsthā nakshatram tri-tāram yuva-maddhya-samsthitaṁ pañchadaśa-muhūrta-yōgam śāli-yav-āhāram Indra-dēvatam Dīya . . -gōtrēṇa 16 || [Mūlō nakshatram cha-]
- 8, tus-tāram gaja-vikkrama-samsthitaṁ trimśa-muhūrta-yōgam nya-grōdha-kashāy-āhāram Āpa-daivatam Darpa-katyāyani-[gōtrēṇa 17 || Pūrvāśādhā na-]
- 9, kshatram tri-tāram pula . . . -samsthitaṁ trimśa-muhūrta-yō[gaṁ] mūla-phal-āhāra[ni] Nārīti-daivatam [. . . -gōtrēṇa 18 || Uttarāśādhā na-]

It will be observed that the spelling and grammar is occasionally irregular. Thus we have a wrong quantity on fl. 13b¹ *trimśa* for *trimśa* and *ibid.* and fl. 15a³ *māhūrta* for *muhūrta*, fl. 14b⁶ *mītra* for *mitra*, fl. 15b⁴ *chatvārimśa* and *vimsatindam*, fl. 15a⁴ (see plate) *dvārikāni* for *dvārikāni*; *ri* for *ri* in fl. 14b⁹ *trimśa* for *trimśa*, fl. 14b¹ *tritāram* for *tritāram*;

ir for *ri* on fl. 15b⁷ in *kṛtikā* for *kṛitikā*; *q* for *ṭ* on fl. 14b⁶ in *sphaḍika*. Want of sandhi: fl. 13b⁷ *dadhi-dhāraṁ* for *dadhyādhāraṁ*. Blunder: fl. 15a⁷ *uttanra* for *uttara*; fl. 15a³ *vikshnu* for *vishnu*; fl. 13b⁴ *asākhā* for *viśākhā*, though these two forms may be synonyms; in the Abridged Petersburg Dictionary both forms are given as synonyms of a certain plant. Similarly fl. 14a⁵ *sarpi* 'serpent' for *sarpa*, fl. 15b¹ *Bhārgavān* for *Bhārgavō*. Omission of final consonant in fl. 14a⁵ *yakri* for *yakrit*, fl. 15a² (see plate) and fl. 15b⁶ *abhiji* for *abhijit*. Anomalous construction in fl. 15b⁶ *ekā abhiji aṣṭau muhūrta*. I am not quite satisfied that I have read correctly the words *kraksha* fl. 15a², *Brahmāvarṇi* fl. 15a³. In fl. 15a² (see plate) there is a curious symbol above *sapta*; and since on fl. 15b⁶ it is stated that *Abhijit* has eight (*aṣṭa*) muhūrtas, I believe that the symbol is the numeral figure 8, intended as a correction. The *s* of *sapta* has not quite its proper shape; I believe the writer or revisor meant to alter *sapta* into *aṣṭa*, but seeing his failure in altering the shape of *sa*, he abandoned his intention and over-wrote the figure 8. There are numerous traces to be met with of a revisor's work; thus in fl. 15a² *krakṣhāhārāṁ* the *ra* was originally omitted and has been supplied interlinearly; similarly the syllable *nī* of *katyāyanī* in fl. 15a⁵. (See the Plate.)

The portion extracted by me, may be translated thus, observing the proper sequence of the leaves:—

(Leaf 13.) Who are they? They are the Vātsas, Brahmachārinas and Chhandōgas. How many are the divisions of the Chhandōgas? Six. Which are they? They are as follows:—Those whose food consists in (1) wheat, (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) francoline partridge.⁵ To which gōtra does their mother belong? To Parāśara's. Has your honour any (particular) reading of the list of Nakshatras? Tell me! They are as follows:—1, Kṛitikā, 2, Rōhiṇī, 3, Mrigāśira, 4, Ārdrā, 5, Punarvasu, 6, Pushya, 7, Āślēshā, 8, Maghā, 9, Pūrva-phalgunī, 10, Uttara-phalgunī, 11, Hasta, 12, Chitrā, 13, Svāti, 14, Aśākhā (Viśākhā), 15 Anurādhā, 16, Jyēsthā, 17, Mūla, 18, Pūrvāshādhā, 19 Uttarāshādhā, 20 Abhiji, 21, Śravaṇa, 22 Dhanishṭha, 23, Śatabhishā, 24, Pūrvā Bhādrapadā, 25, Uttarā Bhādrapadā, 26, Rōvati, 27, Āśvinī, 28, Bharaṇī. These twenty nakshatras—what are the numbers of their stars, what are their configurations, what are the numbers of their muhūrtas, what are their gōtras, what kinds of food may be taken under them, what are their daivatas?

The following part of the translation, I give in tabular form, for the sake of convenient reference.

⁵ *Atyāsanam* I take to be a mis-reading for *ity-āsanam* (= *āsanam*).^{*}

No.	Name.	Stars.	Configura- tion.	Muhūrta.	Food.	Daivata.	Gōtra.
1	Kṛitika	6	razor	30	curds	Agni	Agnivēśya.
2	Rōhini	5	seat of a cart	45	beef and fish	Prajāpati	?
3	Mṛigaśira	3	deer's head	30	venison and fish	Sōma	?
4	Ārdra	1	mole	15	butter	Rudra	Hārītāyana.
5	Punarvasu	2	flag	45	froth of boiling butter	Āditya	Vāsishṭha.
6	Pushya	3	vardhamāna	30	honey	Vṛihaspati	Alabanḍyavi.
7	Āślāshā	5	flag in the air	15	fish and liver	Sarpa	?

These, oh Pushkarasārī, are the seven nakshatras that are situated in the East.

8	Maghā	5	river-arbour	30	?	Pitṛi	Piṅgāyani.
9	Pūrva-phal- gunī	2	flag	30	?	Bhaga	Gōtama.
10	Uttara-phal- gunī	2	flag	45	?	Ārya	Kausiki.
11	Ilāsta	5	hand	30	?	?	Kātyāyani.
12	Chitrā	1	mole	30	mudga-bean	?	?
13	Svāti	1	mole	15	fruit	?	?
14	Viśākhā	2	horn	45	?	?	Satkrityāyani.

These, oh Pushkarasārīn, are the seven naksharas that are situated in the South.

15	Anurādhā	?	crystal	30	moss of māsha- beans	Mitra	Alāmbanḍyavi.
16	Jyēshṭhā	3	waist, of a youth	15	rice and wheat	Indra	Diya —.
17	Mūla	4	elephant's foot	30	infusion of Ficus Indica	Āpa	Darpa-katyā- yani.
18	Pūrvāśādhā	3	?	30	roots and fruit	Nariti	?
19	Uttarāśā- dhā	4	elephant's foot	45	honey and parched grain	Vaiśya	Maudgalāyani.
20	Abhijit	3	cow's head	(8) 7	vāyu-kraksha (?)	deest	Brahmāyani.
21	Śravaṇa	3	waist of a youth	30	bird's flesh	Vishṇu	Brahmāvarṇi.

These, oh Pushkarasārī, are the seven nakshatras that are situated in the West.

22	Dhanishṭhā	4	bird (kite)	30	?	Vāsava	Katyāyani.
23	Satabhiṣā	1	mole	15	?	Varuṇa	Tāṇḍāyani.
24	Pūrvā Bha- drapadā	2	flag	30	?	Ābhivṛiddhi	Jātukarṇi.
25	Uttarā Bha- drapadā	2	flag	45	beef	Āryamākalpa	Hiranyāyani.
26	Rēvati	1	?	30	consistent molas- ses	Pushya	Bhārgavān.
27	Āsvini	3	?	30	liver and flesh	Gandharva	Āsvāyani.
28	Bharani	3	pudendum muliebre	30	rice	Yama	Bhārgavi.

These, oh Pushkarasārīn, are the seven nakshatras that are situated in the North.

Of these twenty-eight nakshatras, oh Pushkarasarin, how many nakshatras occupy a period of 45 muhūrtas? Six; they are these:—Rohiṇī, Punarvasu, Uttara Phalgunī, Viśākhā, Uttarāśāḍhā, Uttara Bhādrapadā. Five nakshatras take up 15 muhūrtas, namely Ādrā, Aślēshā, Svāti, Jyēsthā, Satabhishā. One, Abhijit, occupies eight muhūrtas. The remainder are nakshatras occupying 30 muhūrtas. Of the nakshatras, situated in the East, Kṛittikā is the first and Aślēshā, the last (counting from East to West). Of the nakshatras, situated in the South, Maghā is the first, and Viśākhā, the last. Of the nakshatras, situated in the West, Anurādhā is the first, and Śravaṇa, the last. Of the nakshatras, situated in the North, Dhanishthā is the first, and Bharanī, the last.

This work is clearly an astronomical treatise of a very ancient type. The most ancient astronomy of the Hindūs was based on the lunar zodiac, comprising 27 (or afterwards 28) asterisms, the so-called nakshatras, the series of which commenced with Kṛittikā or the Pleiades, and ended with Aśvinī and Bharanī. This system obtained among them till the introduction of Greek astronomy into India, about the middle of the 2nd century A. D. (the time of Ptolemy). About that time the order of the nakshatra series, which was now no more in accordance with reality, was rectified, and the two last nakshatras were placed first, so that the series now commenced with Aśvinī (*i. e.*, β and γ in Aries). This new order is that found in all Indian astronomical works, subsequent to the Vedic period.

Further: the older series, beginning with Kṛittikā, consisted originally only of 27 nakshatras. It was, apparently, only in the later stage of the Vedic period of the Brāhmaṇas and Sūtras, that a 28th nakshatra was added; this was Abhijit, which was inserted as No. 20 in the original list. The first mention of Abhijit occurs in the Taittiriya Brāhmaṇa, and it formed already a part of the nakshatra series in the time of the grammarian Pāṇini.⁶ The latter's date is probably at the end of the 3rd century B. C. The earliest mention of the 28 nakshatras in China (introduced by the Buddhists) is in the middle of 3rd century B. C.⁷

Accordingly we have roughly, as the termini *a quo* and *ad quem* for the composition of our treatise, the third century B. C. and the second century A. D. This is about the period of the last stage of the Vedic literature, *viz.*, that of the Sūtras. To this period, belong the two small astronomical treatises, the Nakshatra-kalpa and the Śānti-kalpa,

⁶ See Weber, *Die Vedischen Nachrichten von den Nakshatra*, part II, pp. 279, 307, 325.

⁷ See *ibidem*, part I, pp. 298, 300.

which are attached to the Kausika Sûtra of the Atharva Veda.⁸ I have not been able to examine any copies of them, but a brief account of them has been given by Professor Weber in his *Vedische Nachrichten von den Nakatra* (pp. 390–393). From this account it appears that the statements, especially, in the Nakshatra-kalpa, show a curious resemblance to those in our manuscript. Thus the Nakshatra-kalpa, too, gives lists not only of the shape, the divinity, the number of stars, and the duration of muhûrtas of every one of the 28 nakshatras, but also of their four-fold distribution into Eastern, Southern, Western and Northern, of their gôtra (or race of Rishi), and of the kind of food that may be taken under them. The Nakshatra-kalpa adds some further particulars, corresponding statements to which may have been in the lost portion of the manuscript, or may possibly be found in that portion which I have not yet been able to examine.

A confirmation of the age of the work may be found in the circumstance, that the information given in it is ascribed to Pushkarasarin. This renowned teacher is said to have been a contemporary of Buddha. He is mentioned as a teacher in the Prâtisâkhya Sûtra; and is also cited in the Vârttikas to Pâṇini by Katyâyana, their author.⁹

On the whole, therefore, and subject to the result of an examination of the whole manuscript, for which I have not yet been able to find time, I have come to the conclusion that this part of the Weber Manuscripts contains a hitherto unknown work belonging to the last stage of the Vedic period of Sanscrit literature.

I will, however, here add a few curious particulars that I have noticed in my cursory comparison of the manuscript with Prof. Weber's account of the Nakshatra-kalpa and similar works. The list of gôtras differs entirely; the only coincidence is in the gôtra of Kṛittikâ. Most of the daivatas agree; the most striking difference is in the case of the 27th nakshatra (Âśvinî), for whom our manuscript gives Gandharva as the daivata, while the Nakshatra-kalpa, in common with all other known works, gives the two Âśvins. Other differences may be mere blunders, thus Vaishya in No. 11 and Pushya in No. 26, for Viśvê and Pûshan respectively. Nariti in No. 18 may be a local variety of Nirṛiti. Curious are also, in our manuscript, Âbhivṛddhi and Âryamâkalpa in Nos. 24 and 25, for Ahirbudhnya and Aja-êkapâd respectively. The transposition of Âpa in No. 17, and of Nariti in No. 18, may be an accidental mistake for Nariti in No. 17 and Âpa in No. 18. In the case of No. 20 (Abhijit) our manuscript gives no daivata at all, the usually given daivata being Brahma; but this, too, may be an accidental omission.

⁸ See Weber's *History of Indian Literature*, p. 153.

⁹ See Weber's *History of Indian Literature*, pp. 102, 235.

As to the number of stars, composing the several nakshatras, our manuscript differs in nine cases from the Nakshatra-kalpa; viz., in Nos. 2, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 27. Curiously enough in five out of these nine cases (viz., Nos. 2, 7, 8, 16, 20) our manuscript agrees with Brahmagupta's statements.

With regard to the duration of the muhūrtas, our manuscript has two curious differences. Firstly, it enumerates only five nakshatras of a duration of 15 muhūrtas, while the usual number in the Nakshatra-kalpa and other works is six. These works add Bharanī (No. 28), to which in our manuscript a duration of 30 muhūrtas is given. Secondly, our manuscript gives to No. 20 (Abhijit) a duration of 8 muhūrtas, against the usual one of one muhūrta. The whole list of durations stands thus:

Weber MS.			Nakshatra-kalpa, etc.		
6 nakshatras of 45 muhūrtas.			6 naksh. of 45 muh.		
16	„	of 30 „	15	„	30 „
5	„	of 15 „	6	„	15 „
1	„	of 8 „	1	„	1 „

I now proceed to Part II of the Weber Manuscripts. See Plate I, fig. 2. It consists of seven leaves, unfortunately mutilated on the left-hand side, which would have shown the numbers of the leaves. Their size is $6 \times 2\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Four leaves have 9 lines each to the page; the three others, only 6 lines. This may possibly show, that the two sets belong to two different manuscripts, but I have not yet been able to examine them more closely. The characters are again a variety of the North Western Gupta.

The page (obverse of the leaf), figured on Plate I, reads as follows. The paper is very soft, and some portions being rather frotted, are very difficult to read.

- 1, ता अक्षरं तस्य तद्वचनं शुंला चद्रो वचनमत्रवौत् ॐ अक्षं शिवो
विशालाक्षि त्वं शिवा नामनामतः
- 2, विनाशाय दक्षनाशाय तिष्ठ तु • ॐ ये च त्वां पूजयिष्यन्ति कीर्तयिष्यन्ति
ये नराः प्रदास्यसि वरं तेभ्यो य
- 3, वक्ष्या • ॐ बलिधूपप्रदानेन पुण्यदीपाहुलेपनैः भक्त्या च प्रयत्ना मर्त्यै
तेषां त्वं भवकामदा • ॐ ह्रीं
- 4, प्रवक्ष्यामि यानि गुह्यानि ते शिवे • आहूता येस्वमागम्य भविष्यसि
वरप्रदा • ॐ ह्रीं योजनानां
- 5 पि स्थिता शुंला गमिष्यसि • सोमं जया जयन्तौ विजया असोघा
अपराजिता • जया जांबू

- 6, जंभनी रिपुनाशनी • ॐ सृष्टिकारिणा भद्रा पुंगवा ब्रह्मचारिणी माया
मायाविनी सद्या कंबुपी
- 7, . . . नना • ॐ शक्तिर्णो महानागा अजेया अपराजिता • शक्तिर्णाग्निदंष्ट्राहा
वेताही वेदनिर्मिता •
- 8, . . . दीर्घलांगुला ऊडका जातचारिणी • विदिका विजया धन्या असिहोमा
हकोदरी • ॐ धलण्डला सर्पना
- 9, . . . जिह्वा महागला • तुरुकी च तुरुडी च बलूकी च शिवा तथा • ॐ आरणी
च द्वागली च भैरवा भीमदर्शना •

It may be noticed (see the Plate) that the interpunctuation is indicated by a dot, or occasionally two dots. The numerals are, again, of the ancient style. In the following Roman transliteration I have supplied, in brackets and italic type, the missing portions. Here the metre and context has been a guide, though to some extent, of course, the restorations are conjectural. It will be seen from these that, as a rule, the space of four aksharas or $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch is lost, *i. e.*, that the original length of the leaf must have been $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches. The work is written in the *ślōka* metre.

- 1, tā hy=aham [1]
tasya tad=bachanam śrutvā Rudrō vachanam=abnavit || 10
Aham Sīvō Viśāl-ākshi tvam Sīvā nāna nāmataḥ [1]
- 2, [Kāma-dēva-]vināśāya Dakṣha-nāśāya tiṣṭha tu || 11
Yē cha tbām pūjayishanti kīrtayishyanti yō narāḥ [1]
pradāsyasi varam tēbhyō ya
- 3, vas=tathā || 12
Bali-dhūpa-pradānēna pushpa-dīp-ānūlēpanaiḥ [1]
bhaktyā cha prayatā martyā tēśhām tvam bhava-kāma-dā || 13
- 4, pravakshyāmi yāni guhyāni tē Sivē |
āhritā yais=tvam=āgamya bhaviṣhyasi vara-pradā || 14
Yōjanānām
- 5, [saha]srē 'pi sthitā śrutvā gamishyasi | ōm [1]
jayā jayantī vijayā amōghā aparājitā |
javā jāmbū-
- 6, [nada-prabhā] jāmbhāni ripu-nāśanī || 15
Sahasra-kiraṇā bhadrā puṁgavā brahma-chārīṇī |
māyā māyāvinī sadyā kambu-grī
- 7, [vā rakt]-ānanā || 16
Ś'ukti-karṇī mahā-nāgā ajēyā aparājitā |

- śakti-karṇ=āgni-damśhṭrālā¹⁰ vētāḍi vēda-nirmītā ||¹¹ 17 .
- 8, . . . ā dīrgha-lāṅgulā huhukkā jāta-hāriṇi |
viddhikā vijayā dhanyā asi-lōmā vṛik-ōdari || 18
Dhalanḍhalā sarpa-nā .
- 9, [thā, dīrgha]-jihvā mahā-galā |
turūki cha tarūḍi cha balūki cha śivā tathā || 19
Āraṇyī cha sṛigālī cha bhairavā bhīma-darśanā ||¹¹

This may be translated thus:—

(10) Hearing his (her) words, Rudra spoke as follows: (11) I am Śiva, oh large-eyed-one! Thou shalt be called Śivā after my name; and thou shalt be the cause of Kāmadēva's destruction and Dakṣha's death. (12) Those men that shall worship and extol thee, to them thou shalt grant gifts, as well as to them that . . . (13). Those mortals that show their faith and devotion to thee by offering of sacrifices and incense, by flowers, lights and anointings, to them thou shalt be the bestower of their worldly desires. (14) I will announce to thee, oh Śivā, all the secret things concerning thee! By whomsoever thou art called upon, to him thou shalt come and bestow on him gifts. (15) Even if thou art at a distance of a thousand yōjanas, yet thou shalt hear and go to him. Om! Thou art victorious, conquering, triumphant, unerring, unsurpassable, swift, brilliant as gold, crushing, destroying (thy) enemies, (16) thousand-rayed (like the sun), good, spouse of the Puṅgava (bull-like man), holy, illusory, creating illusions, ever-new, shell-necked, red-mouthed, (17) oyster-shell-eared, a great Nāga, invincible, unsurpassable, strong-eared, fiery-toothed, a Vētāḍi (goblin), set up by the Vēdas, (18) spouse of him with the long liṅga, a roarer, ravisher of new-born babes, transfixer, conqueror, enricher, with sword-like hair and wolf-like belly, (19) *Dhalanḍhalā* (?), mistress of serpents, long-tongued, large-throated, *turūki* (swift?), *tarūḍi* (young?), *balūki* (strong?) as well as lucky, wild, jackal-like, awe-inspiring, of fearful aspect.

I add the Roman transliteration of the reverse page. It is still more worn, and still more difficult to read:—

- 1, bandha-mōchanī || 20
Bhagavatyai namas=tubhyaṁ ōhy=āraṇyē śivē śubhē |
adushtë bhāṭṭini bhāṭṭē guhī .

¹⁰ The text actually reads *śakti-damśhṭr=āgni-karṇ=āgni-damśhṭrālā*, with a stroke of cancellation drawn through the first *damśhṭrāgni*. For *śakti* probably *śukti* should be read, though the epithet *śukti-karṇ* is already mentioned in the preceding hemistich.

¹¹ The interpunctuation is here indicated by two dots placed one above the other, like the visarga (:), instead of the single dot used everywhere else.

- 2, sinī || 21
 Ek-ākshara-ravô dhâtrô tṛi-lôka-guru-vatsalê |
 satya-vâdiny=umê chaṇḍê viśalyê śatru-nâśani || 22
 Bhaya-dê dhana-dê
- 3, katy-vinâśani |
 daityânâṃ bala-hartârî māṃsa-śôṇita-bhôjani || 23
 Vapâ-dhûpa-priyê rôdrî-kâla-râtri mahâ-ravô |
 asi-
- 4, [lômê] danti sūlalô (?) sūla-bhīṣaṇī || 24
 Paṃch-āyushyê śhaḍ-ādḥikyê na¹² ch=āṣṭadaśa-bhīṣaṇī |
 kṛṣṇê gauri pradīptī
- 5, [cha] lamba-chûchukô || 25
 Mēgha-duṇḍubhi nirghôṣhê sarva-vyâdhi-pramôchani |
 sarva-vyasana-môktâri kali du-svapna-
- 6, [|| 26]
 dâti śivê gauri karûḍê lôhit-ānanê |
 prachandê amṛit-ôdgârê¹³ abhra-yâṇû manô-javê || 27
- 7, yê vṛiddhê mâtṛi-varga-prachârīṇi |
 śrī-lakṣmīr=vapuḥ-pushṭis=tvaṃ siddhiḥ kīrtir=êva cha || 28
 Hrī śāntiḥ kānti-rasa
- 8, tu sâdhani |
 yadi pâśa-balam, satyaṃ viśvê dēva-balam yadi |¹⁴
 nâśayishyasi satvânâṃ=āyur=vīryam dhanam .
- 9, |
 [dēva-râjasya satyēna pârva-dîśi] yadi sthitâ || 30
 Dharma-râjasya satyēna dakṣiṇasyâṃ yadi sthitâ |¹⁵
 Varuṇasya

This work appears to be a *stôtra*, or hymn, in honour of Siva's spouse, Pârvatī, after the manner of the Purāṇas. Perhaps it may be possible, hereafter, to identify it with some work already known. I may mention that, in glancing over another page, I have noticed directions given as to the particular kinds of sacrifice which are to be offered (to Pârvatī ?) in the case of each of the four castes. The passage runs as follows :—

Amâtyê ghṛita-hômaḥ kartavyaḥ || Brâhmanê dadhi-ghṛita-hômaḥ
 nâma-gôtram sarvêṣhâṃ grâhyam || [*Kṣatriyê*] ghṛita-madhu-hômaḥ ||
 Vaiśyê dhânya-hômaḥ || Sûdrê matsya-hômaḥ || Sarva-vaśīkaraṇê vachâ-
 hômaḥ.

¹² Or *ṇavâ* for *nachâ*.

¹³ Or perhaps *ôdbhârê*. The letters are indistinct.

¹⁴ Here the number 29 is omitted in the text.

¹⁵ See note ¹¹ on page 51.

That is: In the case of a minister an oblation of clarified butter should be made; in the case of a Brâhman, an oblation of curds and clarified butter, (and) the name and gôtra should be mentioned in every case; in the case of a Kshatriya, an oblation of clarified butter and honey (should be made); in the case of a Vaisya, an oblation of rice (or grain); in the case of a Sûdra, an oblation of fish; (and) generally for the purpose of subjecting* any one to one's power, an oblation of Vachâ (or the root of *Acorus calamus*).

Part III. See Plate I, fig. 3. There are six leaves; four of them are mere fragments, but two are fairly complete; one of the latter has been figured. These two measure $6\frac{3}{4}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, with 6 lines to the page. The characters are a North Western Gupta variety. The figured page reads as follows:—

- 1, मेन धोवितव्या—स्वस्थो भवति ॥ नमो विद्युजिह्व
- 2, युजु युजु—युजि युजि—मालिनि—विमाननि—अमुकं नृ
- 3, . . . मयो प्रतिमा कर्त्तव्या—सा प्रतिमा सर्ववैलेन मक्षयितव्या
- 4, . . . अ० अग्नि जुह्य ॥ असुको ज्वरितो भवति— ॥ मोक्षितुकामेन तद्यथा
- 5, . . इट्टि इट्टि—इट्टि इट्टि इट्टि—क्षमसि—माक्षसि—कटकपलि¹⁶—
- 6, . टकं प्रेषामि—इमं पर्वतराजानं रवत—कुष्ठहिंशु परिजय—

Roman Transliteration.

- 1, mēna dhôvitavyâ | svasthō bhavati || namô Vidyu-jihva-
- 2, [mâtamga-râjasya] yuju yuju | yuji yuji | mâlini | vimânani | amu-
kam nri-
- 3, [pa-sulva] mayi pratimâ karttavyâ | sâ pratimâ sarshava-tailēna
makshayitavyâ
- 4, . . . agni juhya || asukô jvaritô bhavati || môchitu-kâmēna | tad=
yathâ
- 5, . . itti itti | itti itti itti | kshamasi | mâkshasi | katâka-pali¹⁶ |
- 6, [ka]ṭakam prêshâmi | imam parvata-râjânâṁ ravatu kushṭha-
hingu parijapya |

The reverse page runs as follows:—

- 1, . . m=pitavyô môkshô bhavati || namô Vidyu-jihva-mâtamga-
râjasya | tad=yathâ | kulimâ-
- 2, [li kulimâ]li | kulimâli | kulimâli | svâhâ || sulbasya pratimâ kar-
tavyâ | taila-ghritê-

¹⁶ Or, perhaps, only *kaṭa-pali*. The second *ka* is half deleted.

- 3, [$n = \dot{a}muka-n\ddot{r}i$]pasya nāmēna sô dahyati — || mōchitu-kāmēna |
gandh-ôdakam=parijāpya | i-
- 4, mōcha | satasati | dhana-dhana svâlâ || sâ pratimâ
snāmyita-
- 5, [*vyâ*] mah Sabarâṇām, prakhalê prakhalê | prakhalê pra-
khalê | viddhê
- 6, grihya nisēhitavyaḥ ||

This appears to belong to some work on sorcery; and from the fact that on the second leaf occurs the phrase *sarva-siddhānām pañch-ābhijñānām namaḥ* it would seem to be a Buddhistic work. For the “five knowledges” are a well-known Buddhist term. The diction is a barbarous mixture of Sanskrit and Pāli. The following is a tentative translation:—

“(The image) should be washed with He will be well. Salutation to the elephant king with the lightning-like tongue! Yuju! Yuju! yuji! yuji! Oh Mālini, oh Vimānani! Of such and such a king let an image of copper be made! That image should be rubbed with mustard oil, (and) having burned (it in) fire , such a one will be attacked with fever. If it is wished to deliver him (*from fever*), the following (*charm should be used*): “Itti, itti, mayest thou forgive, mayest thou wipe off; Oh Katakāpali; I send an army; let him praise this mountain-king!” Having uttered a spell over kuṣṭha and asafoetida, (this remedy) should be drunk; (*then*) there will be deliverance. Salutation to the elephant-king with the lightning-like tongue! (*Then to be said*) as follows: “Hail to her who bears a chaplet of kuli (*Solanum Jacquinii*)!” An image of copper should be made; (this should be rubbed) with oil and clarified butter (*and heated*) in such a king’s name; (*then*) he will burn (*with fever*). If it is wished to deliver (*him*), a spell should be said over fragrant water: “itti, itti deliver him, oh Satasati, Dhana-dhana, hail!” That image should be bathed (*with the fragrant water*) (worst) of the Sabaras! oh wicked one! oh pierced one! Having taken (*him*), he should be warded off.

Part IV. See Plate III, fig. 1. No more than the fragment which has been figured exists of this manuscript. It is, however, of very considerable interest, as it presents a species of the North-Western Gupta character, which forms the link between that and the Central Asian type of Nāgari characters. For comparison the forms of the super-scribed vowel *e* and of the consonants *j*, *t*, *n* may be especially noticed.

The figured page reads as follows:—

- 1, अथ विचक्षणः अष्टाङ्गसंपूर्णं चर

- 5, . . . gachchhati [1]
 kôna pramattô bhavati bravihy=êtan=mam=ânaghaḥ 1[5 #]
 . . .
 6, [mā]rga-sîlêna gachchhati [1]
 sunyatâ-bhâvan-âbhyâsa-tapa [16 #]

This may be translated thus :—

(Angirasa is) pre-eminently clever, thoroughly full of the eight-fold (qualities) (7) He is handsome, well-put-together, a remembrer of his former existences, an impartor of the Law (to others) (8) The 32 attributes as well as the 80 marks, how does Angirasa possess them? (9) By his attributes, his imparting of all things,, his equanimity he is purified,—is the Muni Angirasa. (10) his intercourse is constant with the Jinas . . . (11) his function is the imparting (of the Law) (12) How is he thoughtful and intelligent and clever art thou able (to tell me?) (13) He is guileless, thoughtful, intelligent and clever, . . . (full of) wisdom, versed in the Law. (14) From inopportune things he goes (away); with reference to what he is indifferent and (yet remains) sinless,—that do thou tell me! (15) . . . he walks in the moral precepts of the path (of holiness), . . . asceticism (and) the practice of meditation on Sânyatâ (or Nirvâṇa).

It is difficult to judge from such a small fragment, what the subject of the whole work may have been. That of the fragment itself is an eulogistic description of the Muni Angirasa. From the technical terms, occurring in the fragment, it seems clear that the work is Buddhist.

Part V. See Plate II, fig. 1. There are eight leaves, measuring $8\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches. They are mutilated, however, on both sides. There are five lines to every page. The characters belong to the round variety of the Central Asian Nâgarî.

The figured page, being the reverse, reads as follows :—

- 1, ष . . द श्यत पूज
 2, द्वाद्दष्टेन परिसुचिषति—याव एवमेव परिसुच . .
 3, . . . शल ० क्रमति न विषा नाग्नि नाशीविष न कक्कोर्द न वैताल न
 4, . . . लं करो ति अत्यत्र पुरिमकर्मविपाकेन—एवमुक्तो भगवां न . .
 5, . य . सेनापतिमिदमवोचत्—साधु साधु माणिभद्र अनुजानामि मि

In Roman transliteration, as before :—

- 1, sha . . da śashyata pûja

- 2, ddhy-arha-daḍḍēna parimuchchishyati | yāva etam=eva
parimuchch[ishyati]
3, [na] . . śāstra[m] kramati na vishā n=āgni n=āśi-vishā na kak-
khôrdā¹⁷ na vaitāla na
4, . . [ba]lam karōti atyattre¹⁸ purima-karma-vipākēna | evam-uktō
Bhagavām ma[hārā-]
5, [jam] ya[ksha]-sēnāpatim=avōchat | sādhu sādhu Māṇibhadra
anujānāmi mi

The obverse page has the following :—

- 1, manta varṇavanta yaśāsvina 6° [u]
Mahā-bala-mahā-k[d]ya va [i]
..
2 . na . manasā Buddham vandanti Gautama 7 [u]
Kumbhakarpō Nikumbhas=cha Siddhartham=aparājitam [i]
ma . .
3, . . . dantō cha Sahasrāksha=cha Piṅgala [u]
Kavilō Dharmadīrṇas=cha Ugratājō . .
4, [i]
. . tvam śaraṇam yānti su-p-prasannēna chētasa 9 [u]
tad=yathā kadyē-kōdyē¹⁹

¹⁷ This is the passage referred to in my paper "The Third Instalment of the Bower MSS." in the *Indian Antiquary*, Vol. XXI, p. 369. On another leaf of the same MS., the word occurs once more, but spelled *kākkhōrāda* with a long ā. I wish to take this opportunity to correct my reading of the word in the Bower MS. It is there spelt *kākkhōrda*, with the jihvāmūliya before *kh*, not *kavkhōrda*, as I first read it. I owe this correction to a suggestion of Dr. A. Stein, who informs me that in modern Śāradā writing the difference between a superscribed *r* and the jihvāmūliya is very small. He suggests that there may be a clerical error in the Bower MS. This, however, is not probable. The forms of the superscribed *r* and the jihvāmūliya are widely different in the Bower MS., but on the other hand (as, for that matter, in Śāradā also) there is a resemblance between the super-compounded *v* and the jihvāmūliya. Hence I took the symbol to be that for *v*, while I should have recognized it as the symbol of the jihvāmūliya. Dr. Stein, further, informs me that the word *kākkhōrāda* occurs also in VII, 298 of the Rājataranginī, in the form *khurkhūḥa*, and that it is still used in modern Kashmiri in the form *khurikhdkhus*. He suggests that it is rather these more modern forms that represent the proper spelling of the word, with reference to the correct placement of *r* (i. e., *karkhōda*, not *kākhōrda*). I do not agree with this; we have, in the Bower MSS. and the Weber MSS., the earliest (known) spellings of the word, compared with which the more modern spellings in the Rājataranginī and in Kashmiri are more likely to be corruptions.

¹⁸ Perhaps *atyattre* is an error for *anyattre*, and *vipākē* na may have to be separated.

¹⁹ The letter which I have read *dy* is doubtful. For a facsimile of it, see Plate IV of the alphabet.

5, i . i . i . i . âha — yattra (sibha-dattâ) bhagava

This may be translated as follows:—

“He will be delivered from condign punishment; and so forth (as before down to) even so he will be delivered . . . , no weapon can hurt him, nor poison, nor fire, nor poisonous snake, nor Kakkhôrddâ, nor Vaitâla, nor can have power over him here (in this world) through the natural consequence of his deeds (done) in former existences.” Having thus spoken, the Blessed one spoke to the Mahârâja, the General of the Yakshas (thus): “Verily, verily, oh Mâñibhadra! I permit thee

The brilliant, the glorious (6), they of great strength, of great body intently praise Buddha. Gautama, (7) Kumbhakarna, and Nikumbha (praise) the Siddhârtha, the invincible, and . . . danta, Sahasrâksha and Pingala, Kapila, Dharmadirpa and Ugratêja . . . , they seek thy protection with a well-pleased mind, (9) (saying) as follows: “Kadyê, kôdyê.”

I do not think that much can be lost at the two sides. Lines 4 and 5 of the reverse show this. On two other pages the *mahâyaksha sênâpati Mâñibhadra* and four *mahârâja yakshasênâpati* are spoken of, which shows how the lacuna should probably be filled up. The original size can also be calculated from the ślôkas on the obverse page. This page seems to give an enumeration of Mahânâgas. Of the ślôkas, those numbered Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9 are preserved. The rest is in prose. The whole reminds one somewhat of the snake-charm in the Bower MSS., which I have published in the *Indian Antiquary*, vol. XXI, p. 349 ff. The full size of the leaf, in its original state, may have been about 9¼ inches, inclusive of margins. The figured leaf is the best preserved; some of the others are in a scarcely legible state. But it seems clear from what remains that the work contained a charm given by Buddha (Bhagavân) to the Mahâyaksha Mâñibhadra.

Part VI. See Plate II, fig. 2. There are five leaves, measuring 7½ by 2½ inches, with 7 lines to the page. The leaves, though practically complete on the left side, are greatly mutilated on the right side, by nearly one-third. The characters are another specimen of the round variety of the Central Asian Nâgarî.

The figured page is the reverse and reads as follows:—

1, अब हत हत च सन्नित्तः

2, रघु संगतां काकी कर्त्तितां कवयो बीडः ३

8, दत्ता पुत्र च ब्राह्म राक्षसाभिर्निर्दिष्टे ४

- 4, अभिषेका मया ○ कनो राजपुत्रं कुलोद्गतः ३८ य
 5, . : सप्त प्रकृतयो यस्य राङ्गं च निरपम्रवम् ३९ न
 6, नितः राजानः करदा यस्य विश्व विजयैकतः ३९ इष्टि . .
 7, अनित्यमानुषां लोकांस्तु संजते ३९ निरपम्रवमित्री

In Roman transliteration I give the obverse page (not figured)
 first:—

- 1, 40 [1]
 Vyapêta-rôga-maraṇam vipram sa[m]parik[^r]tyatê |
 apritiś=ch=ābhishakta . . . [. 41 ||
]
 2, tatô 'yam kuṇḍāśi pumśchali-patiḥ [1]
 vapâ-pushpa-nibham vastram mahârāja . . . [. 42 ||
]
 3, jâmbukās=ch=êti tat-samam [1]
 lêhakô 'vyakta-vachanô dhûrtas=tu . rtiva . [. 43 ||
]
 4, vidhushikô mataḥ [1]
 chatur-bhâgas=turiyam syâ jaghanyam kaṭi [. . 44 ||
]
 5, vikramêṇa balêna cha |
 uttamô yaḥ samânêbhyaḥ sa [. 45 ||
]
 6, . . . laukikânām tath=aiva cha [1]
 parinishthâ-vidhi-jñô yaḥ sa [. 46 ||
]
 7, ni . kaḥ [1]
 shaḍ-vamśô rāja-yajñâ yas=tan-tu [. 47 ||
]

Reverse (figured).

- 1, [1]
 . ndhava vṛitta vṛitta cha sanniruktaḥ [. . . 48 ||
]
 2, . . va . [1]
 rahasa saṃgatām kâlê kartsnitām kavayô vîduḥ 4[9 ||
]
 3, . . m [1]
 [pra]dattâ puruṣa-jñâñ=cha rāmam tām=abhinirdiśêt 50 ||
]
 4, ābhipekshām mahâtmanô rāja-putram kul-ôdgataḥ 51 [11]
 Ya [.]

- 5, h [1]
 sapta prakṛitayô yasya rāshṭram cha nirupadravam 52 [N]
 na [. prakṛi]
- 6, rtitaḥ [1]
 rājānaḥ kara-dâ yasya viśaś=ch=āvijayī-kṛitaḥ 53 [N]
 Ishṭiya [.]
- 7, anitya-mānushām lōkān=s=tu samjātê²⁰ 54 [N]
 Nighaṇḍa-nigama-prām [.]
]

The obverse of the next leaf continues as follows :—

- 1, . . . -ch-chhatraṁ kshatriyair=Buddha-nirjitaḥ 55 [N]
 Eka-ch-chhatraṁ mahīm vyamktê [.]
]
- 2, vanād=upavanam smṛitam [56 N]
 Padmini rēju rājiva-chatra-paṭṭavatī smṛi[tâ]

The remainder is almost illegible.

The leaf that immediately precedes the foregoing two leaves, reads as follows :—

Obverse.

- 1, shṭhaś=chaṇḍa-samjūitam 24 [N]
 Paramê-shṭhī mataḥ śrêshṭhaḥ prê . priya . da [. . .]
]
- 2, [k]rtitam 25 [N]
 Pada-kṛich=chamakara syât=tapitas=tu vamô mataḥ [1]
 lāvanyam=āhur=madhu [. 26 N]
]
- 3, svasâ tu bhaginī matâ |
 vâta-pitta-kaph-âtmanô vyâdhayah [parikīrtitâḥ 27 N]
]
- 4, ttâ hy=upadravaḥ [1]
 ajñô vêsah samākhyâtô nuttaṁ prêritam=uch[yaṭê 28 N]
]
- 5, hûtaḥ [1]
 talpaṁ tu śayanam jñēyam khaṭv=êti . . thâ vaku 2[9 N]
]
- 6, kilâsam paṇḍuram jñēyam dōlâ prêakh=êti samjūitaḥ 30 [N]
 Barhimsi cha [.]
]

²⁰ This verse is blundered ; four syllables are wanting. Perhaps read *samjayatê*. The final double dot is not a visarga, but the mark of interpunctuation.

- 7, . bhavanam=uchyatê | 31 [¶]
 Pradhānam²¹ yu[dha]m=ity-āhur-āyôdhanam=iti [smṛitam |
 32 ¶]

Reverse.

- 1, . da . ô dāsa-vṛittayaḥ sarandhra itj saṁsmṛitaḥ [1]
 ada 33 ¶
]
- 2, . tam vinirdiśet [1]
 brindārakas=tu vijñēyô yaḥ sinha-nataṇvām taraḥ [34 ¶
 |
 .]
- 3, . hanah prēta-rāja syāch=chhushmī tu Maghavaṁ mataḥ 35 [¶]
 .. [..... |
 kum]
- 4, . bh[ī]las=tu matô nakraḥ kurmo gūḍh-aṅga uchyatê | 36 [¶]
 . ptsava [..... |
 .]
- 5, . . panāma syā kārakô bhṛitakô mataḥ 37 [¶]
 Utthyaṁ praśasta[m] vijñô [yam |
]
- 6, . prôktô mallérah kēkarô mataḥ 38 [¶]
 Parô 'patānam martyam²²=abhidhyā[nē]nā [. . . |
]
- 7, [saṁpracha]kṣhatê | 39 [¶]
 Yôtraḥ sa khalu vijñēyô yaḥ sutasy-āsutô mataḥ |
]

This work is written in ślōkas, from which it is easy to calculate how many syllables are lost on the right hand side. The number varies from about 12 to 18. Those aksharas which are actually lost are indicated by dots enclosed* within straight brackets; those, not thus enclosed, indicate illegible letters. On an average, one-half (or 16 aksharas in each line) is lost of each ślōka. The space required for these lost aksharas would be 3½ inches, allowing for a small margin on the right-hand side. Accordingly the total length of the original leaf must have been 10½ inches.

In the following I give the translation only of those passages which are complete, taking the proper sequence of the leaves:—

(Verse 25.) By *paramēśhthin* (he who stands foremost) is meant the best. (26) A *pada-kṛit* (foot-maker, shoe-maker) should be (understood to be) a worker in leather. By *tapita* is meant vomiting. (27)

²¹ Read *pradhānam*. So in the Amara Kōsha.

²² This pāda is short by one syllable. Perhaps read 'patānakam.

By *svasā* is meant a sister. All diseases (are said to be) due to air, or bile, or phlegm. (28) A disguise is called *ajña* (incognito). Something dispatched is said to be *nutta*. (29) *Talpa* should be known to be a bed. (30) *Kildsa* should be known to be a kind of jaundice. A swing is termed *prēkhā*. (32) A war they call *pradhana*; it is also known as *dydāhana*. (34) That charm which contains the *sinha-nata* (? *nata* is *Tabernæmontana coronaria*) should be known to be the *Vṛinddraka* (i. e., best of its kind).²³ (35) [*Nṛi*]hana should be understood to be the king of the *Prētas*. By *sushmin* (i. e., powerful) is meant *Maghavān*. (36) By *kumbhāla* is meant a crocodile. The tortoise is said to be *gūḍhānga*, (i. e., having hidden limbs). (37) By *kāraka* is meant a paid servant. (38) *Utthya* should be known to be that which is excellent. By *mallēra* is meant squinting. (39) Excessive spasmodic contraction is known by the name of *martya* (i. e., mortal). By *yōtra*, indeed, should be known that which is the means of distilling the Soma extract. (41) A death which is not preceded by any illness is praised as *vipra* (i. e., excellent). (42) A *kuṇḍāsīn* is a keeper of harlots. A garment [fit to be worn by] a *Mahārāja* is one which resembles flowers and the omentum. (43) A *lēhaka* (licker, lisper) is one who does not speak plainly. (44) *Turīya* should be (understood to be) a quarter. (49) A mystery (plot?) harmonizing in time is what the poets know as *karṣṇitā* (*kṛtsnatā*, or completeness). (52) Whose state possesses its seven constituent elements, and whose country is free of disturbance. . . . (53) To whom kings pay tribute, and whose people are never conquered. . . . (56) An *upavana* (grove or small forest) takes its name from a forest (*vana*). (57) A lotus is known as *rēju* or *rājiva* or *chatrapaṭṭavati* (cf. *Skr. śatapatra*).

This clearly shows that the work is some Sanskrit vocabulary or "kōsha." Perhaps it may be possible, hereafter, to identify it with some one of the existing and known kōshas; or it may turn out to be a new and hitherto unknown kōsha-work. It appears to contain a good number of new words.

On the left-hand margin of the reverse of the last-copied leaf, opposite to the 3rd and 4th lines, there are faint traces left of the number 6. This, therefore, is the sixth leaf of the manuscript. As there are, on the average, 8 ślokas on a page, or 16 on a leaf, there should be about 90 ślokas (allowing a blank page to commence with) on the six initial leaves of the work. As the 6th leaf, however, only brings us down to the middle of the 40th śloka, it may be concluded, that the work was divided in chapters (*adhyāyas*), and that the 40

²³ This is puzzling. Perhaps *taraḥ* is a clerical error for *naraḥ*, and the meaning may be "one who has subdued a lion is a *Vṛinddraka*."

ślōkas, a portion of which has been preserved, belong to the second chapter, while the first chapter must have contained about 50 ślōkas. Perhaps when the remainder of the existing fragment has been read, this point may be more certainly known. I have at present only read and copied those leaves, on which I could discern any numbers. These show us the partial preservation of the following ślōkas: 24-40 and 41-57; and this, consequently, proves that the figured leaf is the seventh of the manuscript.

The manuscript is rather carelessly written; thus we have *vidhu-shikō* for *vidushikō* on line 4 of the obverse of the 7th leaf; and *kurmō gūḍhaṅga* for *kūrmō gūḍhāṅga* on line 4 of the reverse of the 6th leaf, and other blunders.

Part VII. See Plate II, fig. 3. This manuscript consists of 7 leaves, measuring about 5 by 2½ inches, but they are mutilated on the left-hand side. There are mostly six lines to the page; a few leaves have 7 lines, but these may possibly turn out to belong to a different manuscript. The characters are again another specimen of the round variety of the Central Asian Nāgarī.

The figured page reads as follows:—

- 1, तं पूजितस् तयागतं नमस्यामि संबुद्धिपदोत्तमम् भग
- 2, . . . म् ॥ उत्तिले—दले—दुतिले—सिद्धिरस्तु स्वाहा—यः क
- 3, वतः ववक्तः भिक्षुर्वा भिक्षुणी वा उपासको वा उपासिका वा—द
- 4, . . . दसं च मे हृदि पूर्वरात्रमपररात्रं मनसि करिष्यति
- 5, . . . येन परितुषिष्यति—दण्डार्हाप्रहारैः परितुषिष्य
- 6, ि . पेण—पि . पा . ि . लोम

In Rōman transliteration;—

- 1, [.] . jña pūjitam [॥]
Tathāgataṁ namasyāmi sambuddha-dvipad-ōttamam [॥]
Bhaga
- 2, [.] . . . m ॥
Uttilē, dalē, duttilē, siddhir=astu svāha; yaḥ ka [ś=chid=Bhaga-]
- 3, vataḥ śr[ā]vakaḥ bhikṣhur=vā bhikṣhuṇī vā upāsakō ya upāsikā
vā, i-
- 4, . . imam cha mē hṛida[ya]m pūrva-rātram=apara-rātram manasi
karishyati
- 5, . . [da]ṇ[ā]ṇa parimuchchishyati, daṇḍ-ārha-prahāreṇa pari-
muchchishya-
- 6; [ti] i. pēṇa; pa . i . ā . -ārḥō lōma-

The reverse reads as follows :—

- 1, [parimu]chchishyati, imê cha . bhadantê bhaga-
- 2, ham=anubhavêna sa sâgar-ânta-prithivîm=anuvicha-
- 3, tpalô narô, kumbha-karpô mahâ-kumbha-karpô, ârî, kôri,
kâ-
- 4, lê, pêlôlê, âyê, tâyê, ikshôri, kunê kunikê, yas=cha mê
- 5, sukla-pakshasya pracipadam=upâdâya kṛishṇa-pakshê vâ snâta-
śu-
- 6, [chî] . . . dharmê saṁghê sa-gauravêna, ayô-vihitam chittam
varjitêna âdi . ê

The first passage (obverse, lines 1 and 2) is a ślôka, which affords the means of calculating the extent of the lost portion of the leaf. The dots, inclosed within brackets, indicate the number of lost aksharas. They are ten or eleven, and would occupy the space of about $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches. The full size of the original leaf, accordingly, must have been $7\frac{1}{4}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. This would seem to show that the smaller of the two extant wooden boards belonged to this manuscript; and this conclusion is confirmed by the fact that the board is inscribed with a line of writing in Central Asian Nâgarî (see *ante* p. 37). The leaf must have been torn exactly in the place where the string-hole originally was situated.

The remainder of the text is in prose. It seems to be another work giving the story of a Buddhist charm. From a remark, which I have noticed on another leaf, it would appear that the charm was communicated by Buddha himself to the Mahâyaksha Sênâpati Mânibhadra, with reference to a son of the latter, called Pūrṇaka. The subject of the work, therefore, is similar to that in the Vth Part, and it may possibly turn out to be another copy of the same charm.

The text above quoted may be thus translated :—

I salute the Tathâgata, the best of enlightened men, the Blessed one Uttilê, dalê, duttikê! May it be effective! Svâhâ! If any disciple of the Blessed-one, any male or female mendicant, or any male or female lay-devotee, keeps in mind this my heart in the former part and in the latter part of the night, he will be delivered from punishment, he will be delivered from any stroke of punishment; etc.

On the reverse occur the names of some Nâgas, *e. g.*, Kumbhakarṇa and Mahâ-kumbhakarṇa.

Part VIII. See Plate III, fig. 2. Of this manuscript only 4 leaves are preserved, measuring $5 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, but mutilated on the right-hand side. They are inscribed with 7 lines to the page, of which the lowest (or the uppermost on the reverse) is almost wholly obliterated. The characters are again a specimen of the round variety of the Central Asian Nâgarî, approaching rather more to the Indian Gupta type.

The figured page reads as follows :

1. चूर्णेन प्रत्यागच्छन्ति ॥ कपिलाजिह्वां गृह्या
2. शितव्या हि पूरमिष्टतायाः देवप्रतिमाय धूपो दातव्यो ततो वा च
3. स मुचति गुर्गुलुधूपेन प्रकृतिस्थो भवति ॥ उपरं पुञ्जलि चण्ड
4. स्था ॥ उपचारः ○ छान्ते चतुर्दशां हराचोपविष्टेन चेतप .
5. भां दण्डलसूत्रेण व तिं छान्ते चतस्रोत्तरेण दीपो ज्वालयित
6. . च यं . . तं वा सर्वरात्रि विद्य परिजपतया ततः प्र . . .
7. . . तथ . वा

In Roman transliteration :

- 1, chûrṇēna pratyāgachchham̐ti ॥ kapilā-jihvām grihya
- 2, shitavyā hi pûra-miṣṭitāyāḥ dēva-pratimāya dhûpô dātavyô tatô
sâ a
- 3, sa mumchati gurgulu-dhûpēna prakṛiti-sthō bhavati ॥ uparū pu-
ṭāli chaṇḍa
- 4, svāha ॥ upachāraḥ kṛishṇô chaturdāśyām tri-rātr-ôpôshitēna
śvēta-pa
- 5, bhām daṇḍala-sûtrēṇa vartī kṛiyatô atasī-taifēna dīpô jvālayita
- 6, . jra stham̐ . . tam̐ cha sarvva-rātri vidy[ā] pariḥap[i] tavayā
tataḥ pra
- 7, . . tathā . nā

Reverse.

- 1, . . śavi . paśyam̐ti ya ya paṁ ॥
- 2, kilī[k]ilikasya jatu-kārēna śira-gōlakam̐ kārayēt tatra tōlakēna
- 3, . . . rmadēna limpītvā tēna gōlakēna śasy-ōttarē ch=chhubhitavyē
dhāka
- 4, . dvitīyāḥ ēva bhārô bhavati sarvaṁ vashyati tataḥ prikrich²⁴=
chhuddhē
- 5, dam̐ cha bhavati ॥ tuṇḍa-kilikilikasy=ākshīni grihya pishayô
srōñchatô
- 6, push[p]a-yôgēn=āñjitēna gavāchyû-pisācham̐ paśyam̐ti tēna cha
purusha-vīrya
- 7, . . trayam̐ pisācham̐ hanati tapyasya kachchhāt=prasēvaka grihya
gam̐ [.]

The text is too mutilated to admit of a satisfactory translation. What there is may be thus rendered :—

He approaches with the powder ॥ Taking the tongue of a brown cow the image of the dēva is to be fumigated with incense

²⁴ The reading is uncertain; it may be *prikrich* or *pṛitrich* or *prinrich*.

mixed with *pūra* (a *fragrant stuff*); then that (image) . . . he gets free (from disease and) through the incense of *guggulu* (a *fragrant gum resin*) he becomes (restored) to good health. Above the figure . . . svāhā || The physicking (should be had recourse to) in the dark half of the month, on the fourteenth day, by a person after he has fasted for three nights and (put on) white (raiment), . . . a wick should be made of the cord of a *daṇḍula* (churning-stick?), (and) a lamp lighted with linseed oil, . . . and the spell should be repeated throughout the whole night. 'Then . . . they see . . . || With red lac he is to form a ball representing the head of Kilikilaka (*i. e.*, Siva) . . .; then having rubbed it with a *tôla* of . . ., with that ball in sifted fine grain . . .; the process is repeated once more; every thing is brought in one's power; then in a thoroughly cleaned, . . ., and it becomes . . . || Taking the eyes of (*tunḍa*) Kilikilaka, he should grind (them), he ladles . . .; with . . . anointed with the preparation of flowers . . . they can see a *piśācha* at a distance of a *gavāchya* (*gavyūti*?, or perhaps the name of a *piśācha*); and with that power of man . . . he can kill three . . . *piśāchas*; (then) taking a bag from the side of the person that does penance . . .

From the above extract it would appear that the work treats of medical charms. It is written in the now well-known species of "mixed" Sanskrit, anciently the prevailing literary language in North Western India and the countries beyond.

Part IX. See Plate III, fig. 3, 4, 5. This manuscript consists of 25 leaves. Some of them show a numbering on the left hand margin in very fine and minute figures.. Thus, of the three figured leaves, fig. 3 shows the number 30, fig. 4, the number 33, and fig. 5, the number 36. This circumstance proves that the manuscript is not completely extant, though from the fact that one of the extant leaves is only inscribed on one side, it may be concluded that the manuscript is complete at the end, and that some (10 or 12) of the initial leaves are wanting. Unfortunately the last leaf is too damaged to be read.

The leaves are mutilated at the lower corners, but sufficient is extant to show their full size. It is $5\frac{1}{4}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Each leaf has six lines. Unfortunately, the writing is extensively obliterated, owing to the circumstance that the thick arsenical coating of the leaves, on which the letters were written, has been greatly damaged, apparently, by damp. In many cases the leaves firmly adhered to one another, and on separating them, the coating, together with the letters which it bore, came off. On the original leaves, portions of the obliterated letters, are still sufficiently visible to permit of their being occasionally identified;

but on the photographed facsimiles, they can hardly be seen. Even the undamaged portions have not come out as clearly on the facsimiles as one would wish. Of course, my transcriptions, given below, are prepared from the originals. As a rule, the top-most and the two lowest lines are, practically, destroyed; and the three middle lines alone are, more or less, fully legible. As I have already observed (*ante*, p. 39), the writing is in the square variety of the Central Asian Nāgarī characters, but, with certain exceptions (see below), in a Non-Sanskritic language. In the transliterations into Roman, I have observed the following method:—

- 1, Aksharas, entirely lost, are indicated by dots enclosed within straight brackets.
- 2, Aksharas, extant but entirely illegible, are indicated by dots.
- 3, Aksharas, extant, but only doubtfully legible, are written in *italics*.
- 4, Aksharas, lost or partially extant, but conjecturally restored, are *italics* within straight brackets.
- 5, Aksharas, fully extant and clearly legible, but as to the identity of which I am not fully satisfied, are shown in Roman type within round brackets.

I have printed every akshara separately; but those which make up a Sanskritic word, are joined by hyphens.

The figured leaves read as follows:—

I. (Leaf 30. Fig. 3).

- 1, . . i . la . ji . . — . . pa . — (kh)i
- 2, sa-ba-ra lô-tri tri-pha(u) — .pra-pu-ṇḍa-ri-kha — mā-ñcha-
[shṭha] — [pi] ssau . . —
yañ r.â (ri) — spri-kha — (khê) tē nē — ta-ka-ru — pô kha . ri
30 kâ (kh)î yê .
... shshê pa lyyê ma lk(kh)ê rsa dha [ksha llê] â schê [sô] tē . la
5, [.] . . . lê kē .ê .ê sô nô dha lya pô rna [. . . .]
6, [.]

II. (Leaf 33. Fig. 4).

- 1, trau strau — ka . la hâ kri trau — lyka ska . . sa
- 2, rna llê — ku fîchî dha shshê pa lyyê — (khâ) ktrau tta — ma
lk(kh)ê ri dha ryâ ka (kh)î trau tta
33 lla škém pû (kh)a rsa dha ksha llê — â schê sô tô dha . . . i yê pyâ
rê ru ma tsi tha skê dha (ri) pô ka rtsê . . . rk(kh)i . . . [. .]
5, [. . .] — pi ssau . [.] . . ypê ya yañ [kshî yê] . . . [. . .]
6, [.]

VII. (Reverse.)

1,

3, *ka .i ka llô na kra mô tsa â snê ya . . . llê . [. . .]*

4, . . rêthh sâ tkê || sâ-(kk)a-(ri) dē-ya-dâ-ru — sâ-rsha-pâ — ku-shṭha

5, *kha* — trai (kh)ô shshai mai ki sa bh(b)a rka bha llê — pla tkâ
* rê tha sâcha kê tô — sê lai kô

6, || lâ — ka — pi .

I cannot attempt to translate these extracts, both because they are too fragmentary, and because they are partially written in a language unintelligible to me. I may notice, however, that they contain series of Sanskrit words alternating with series of Non-Sanscritic passages. The former series consist of Sanskrit names of medicinal plants or drugs, spelled, however, in a most extraordinary fashion. The following is a list of these words with their Sanskrit equivalents:—

Citation.	Name in Weber MS.	Sanskrit.
No. I, line 2	sa-ba-ra-lô-tṛi tṛi-pha-u pra-pu-ṇḍa-ri-kha (cf. Nos. III, 1, IV, 5, VI, 4) mâ-ñcha-shṭha (cf. No. VI, 4)	śābara-lôḍhṛa triphala prapaunḍarika mañjishṭhā
No. I, line 3	sprî-kha ta-ka-ru (also No. VI, 4)	sprikkā tagara
No. III, line 1	ha-ri-dṛi pra-pu-nta-ri-kh (cf. Nos. I, 2, IV, 5, VI, 4)	haridrâ prapaunḍarika
No. III, line 2	su-kshmê-u vi-ra-ñkh (cf. No. III, 3) ni-lu-tpâ-m (also No. VI, 4) hṛi-bê-ra kê-lê-ya-kh pa-ri-vê-la-kha	sûkshmaila varānga nilôtpala hṛivêra kāliyaka paripêlaka
No. III, line 3	va-ra-ṅga tva-chaṁ mu-stha śa-ra-ba sâ-la-va-rṇi	varānga tvacha musta śārivâ (?) śāliparṇi
No. III, line 4	pri-śna-va-rṇi jî-va-nti dê-va-dâ-ru (also No. IV, 5, VII, 4)	prīśniparṇi jīvantī dēvadāru
No. IV, line 5	pra-pu-ṇḍa-ri-kha (cf. Nos. I, 2, III, 1, VI, 4) ka-ṭu-ka-rô-hi-ṇi a-śva-kâ-ndha	prapaunḍarika kaṭuka-rôhiṇi aśvagandhā

Citaions.	Name in Weber MS.	Sanskrit.
No. IV, line 6	a-pa-mâ-rga (also No. VI, 3 and below)	apâmârga
No. V, line 2	kâ-kô-ri kshi-ra-kâ kô-ri * pi-ta-ri (see bi-dâ-ri, below) kshi-ra-pi-ta-ri	kâkôli kshira-kâkôli vidâri kshîra-vidâri
No. VI, line 3	a-sva-ga-ndham (see No. IV, 5)	asvaganḍhâ
No. VI, line 4	prâ-pu-nta-ri-kha (cf. Nos. I, 2, III, 1, IV, 5)	prapaṇḍarika
No. VII, line 4	ma-ñcha-shṭha (cf. No. I, 2) śa-kka-ri śa-rsha-pa ku-shṭha-kha	mañjishṭhâ śarkarâ (?) sarshapa kushṭhaka

On some other leaves I have found the following :

a-mpri-ta-pâ-ttri	amrita-patra ²⁵
a-va-mâ-rga (see a-pa-mâ-rga above, No. IV, 6)	apâmârga
ka-ru-ṇa-sâ-ri	kâlânusâri
kshi-ra-bi-dâ-ri	kshîra-vidâri
ta-ma-la-pâ-ttri and ta-ma-la-pâ-dha-ri	tamâla-patra
tri-phâ-u 3	triphala 3
pi-ppâ-u	pippala
pu-ta-na-kô-si	pûtanâkêsi
pu-ṇa-rna-ba	punarnavâ
pri-ṇka-ra-cham	bhriṅgarâja
pri-ya-ṇku and pri-ya-ṇgu	priyaṅgu
bi-dâ-ri (see above, No. V, 2)	vidâlî or vidâri
bi-la-pa-tti	vila-patra or vilva-patra ?
bha-lla-ta-kha	bhallâtaka
ma-hâ-mê-dha	mahâ-mêda
mê-dha	mêda
lô-ttri and lô-dri and lô-tta-ri	lôdhra
śâ-ri-ba	śârivâ
śi-ri-sha-pu-shpa	śirishapushpa
śai-lô-ya-kha	śailâyaka
sa-rja-ra-sha	sarja-rasa
styô-ni-ya-kha	sthaṇḍayaka

The spelling of such words as *tri-phâ-u*, *ni-lu-tpâ-u*, *pi-ppâ-u* is very curious. The identity of the former is clearly established by the numeral figure 3 which I have found following the word in one place, and which is intended to explain its meaning "the three myrobalans." The liquid consonant *l* is apparently omitted, and the vowel attached by a side-

²⁵ Or pérhaps for Skr. *amrâta-patra*, a bye-form of *amla-patra*, a kind of sorrel.

stroke to the preceding akshara. This side-stroke is also used with final consonants, when they have no inherent vowel; they are, then, attached to the preceding akshara by a side-stroke and written a little below the line,—a practice which is well-known in ancient Sanskrit writing, being used instead of the modern *virāma*. Thus in *pra-pu-nta-rikkh* (No. III, 1) and *pra-pu-nta-ri-kha* (Nos. IV, 5 and VI, 4) we have an instance of the same consonant (*kh*) being written with and without the inherent vowel (*a*).

Part IX of the Weber MSS. appears to me to belong, both with regard to characters and language, to the same class of writings as the Kashgar manuscript, published by Mr. Oldenburg. The latter, too, is not only written in what I have called the square variety of the Central Asian Nāgarī, but it also shows occasional Sanskrit words interspersed in the text. Thus we have *brāhmaṇam* in the 5th line of the reverse (syllables 7-9), and again, on the obverse, *mahākaruṇ* (Skr. *mahākara*, a name of Buddha) in the 1st line (syllables 14-17), *vājirēṇṅkuśa* (Skr. *vajrāṅkuśa*) in the 4th line (syllables 10-13), and *brāhma* in the 5th line (syllables 8 and 9). More doubtful are the following: reverse, line 3, *bhṛīṅgārēṅku* (*bhṛīṅgārāṅka*?) and *sāstrēm* (*śāstra*?), line 4 *nērvānam* (*nirvānam*); obverse, line 1, *ēṅku* (*aṅka*?), line 3, *āstrēm* (*astra*?), and further on *klēśa*. Quite certain is the occurrence of numerals. In the obverse, 2nd line, 74 (~~73~~), 4th line 75 (~~74~~); in the reverse, 1st line, 77 (~~72~~), 3rd line, 78 (~~75~~), 5th line 79 (~~79~~). This order shows, that the pages are wrongly placed in Mr. Oldenburg's plate. The lower part is really the obverse page of the leaf, and the upper part, the reverse.

The following is my reading of the Kashgar MS., observing the proper sequence of the pages:—

Obverse.

- 1, pa . tsñē kta shshē ē-ṅku khā jri a kau ta chchē—ma-hā-ka-rum
shē khai pē pē űya chchē pē shpim nu—dha ryā yknē ymē ttsē
smō űa shshē mi na nā sō [. —]
- 2, shshē yai nu stmau shūa tkha lñē shshē pi su mē rttsē mrā chnē
70+4 pō ysi űña shshē tkhē ylai űām ktē nē stya ltsē sai ttsa
lkā shshē űichā nai sai rñē śchya shshē [. . . . — . .]
- 3, syi shshēm ā-strēm űa ○ ktē ttsa kha khā rpō —klē-śa tma
shshēm'chēm lām tna sū rēm tspō nam kshē űichai — dha lskō
shshē chau khē ma vi trēm śa . shshē űichai . [—]
- 4, tma. sa 70+5 űām kchēm yē tkhēm tsa yai nu vā-jrēm-ṅku-sha
rnē nē — ylai űām ktñē khē shsa ka pō sta khrō chchē tē lki
nē — krēm tpē [.]

- 5, ysha sta — khê smai klyau nka sta brâ-hma ññai khê rtsyai pô sai shshê — yâ dha shshê ññai i lai ña ktêm pô ylai ñam ktê tsa shtsa pra lya shsha rkhê [.....—.....]
- 6, pē lai ktê shsha na khrô tsta na — kham rpô rmēm skkha tma pañ lsko shsha na rtau sna yâ kē — bhai shshê tse kham ttrê â rskô rshēm yâ[—.....]

Reverse.

- 1, sô kâ nê nê rvâ tshai — khâ ra sta ñis ykhâ rchla klê nê tñā ktô pkhâ fimsâ ya mña ram nê . . la tma . 70+7 â ñmâ lâ shlñê shshau . shpâ [.....—.....]
- 2, pē shshê kha stsyâ strô nan su pē ñya chchê — tkham tsta ññê jat snai ykô rñê shsha yâ kô ktsê ññê la lam shka sta rya pô yse ññê shshau rtsa sô ktsau ña [.....—]
- 3, bhri-ñgâ-rê-ñku¹⁶ sô O kē sâ-strēm i tē mai tta rshshê 70+8 pū vñēm ktê shshê tkhê bra mña ktê spâ lmēm snai mē nâkh — yai tmu tha ktau tra [.....—]
- 4, nê rmi tyâ mshê ññai khnô lmê nô ktya knê sa sta rēm — nê-rvâ-nam shshai kē tsta sai shshê dha rkau chai êm shkê tstsēm ta tñha shshê . pa khâ kta [.....—.....]
- 5, spu kha kô yâ khâ spa brâ-hma-nañ 70+9 ê mprê tma shsha na . . tma stkhâ rā a kshâ sta — klai namth sa ma skamth ka rsa tsi . . khâ . [.....—.....]
- 6, . ru tē pa . mâ ga'ri — gâ npē lai ktê shshai kēm tsa cham rkâ sta a sta ryai' — pô pē sai shshê ka llô ynâ shtsi pô lai . . ñai—

It will be noticed that a mark of interpunctuation occurs at regular intervals, i. e., after every 13th syllable; thus marking off sections of the text of 13 syllables each. Taking this as a basis of calculation, it will be found that the text between each pair of consecutive numbers is made up of six sections; and that from 9 to 13 syllables in each line are lost at the sides of the leaf. The space required for these would be $3\frac{1}{4}$ to $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches. The leaf, in its existing state, measures 14 to $15\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length. The leaf, in its original state, accordingly, must have measured about $19\frac{1}{2}$ inches, allowing a small margin on either side.

The fact that the text is divided and numbered in regular paragraphs renders it probable that the work is composed in some kind of poetry, each paragraph forming a verse or stanza of six sections of 13 syllables each. I am not aware of any Sanskrit verse of this description. I suspect, that the language is some kind of Mongolian, with Sanskrit technical terms interspersed. The nature of the latter, perhaps, suggests that the work belongs to the Buddhist Tantrik class of literature.

¹⁶ Or perhaps read *ñri-ñgâ-rê-ñku*.

On the Early Study of Indian Vernaculars in Europe.—By
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Some years ago, while perusing an old number¹ of the *Calcutta Review*, I chanced upon the following sentence. 'Antonio, a Roman Catholic Missionary at Boglipur on the Ganges, translated the Gospels and the Acts into the dialect of the people of that district.' This was given as a quotation from a certain Dr. John, who wrote in 1809, and would refer to a translation of a portion of the New Testament into the local dialect of the people of Bhágálpur some years previously, that is to say at the end of the 18th century. The first translation of the Bible made by Carey was published in 1804 (into Maráthí), and most of the succeeding ones appeared in the second decade of the 19th century, so that so far as I am aware Father Antonio's version was the first translation of the Bible into any language of Northern India, and, curiously enough, it must have been made into Maithilí, a language into which the Bible has never been translated since.²

At the time when this statement of Dr. John caught my attention, I was occupying a good deal of my leisure time with the vernaculars of Bihár, and it seemed to me that, if I could get hold of Father Antonio's translation, it promised to afford me information regarding the condition of Eastern Maithilí a century ago. Such evidence would have been an invaluable witness on the subject of the rate of growth of the Vernacular dialects of North India.

I accordingly communicated with Bhágálpur, and learned that Father Antonio had been a Capuchin Missionary there at the end of the last century, and had thence gone to Patná. No trace of the alleged translation could be found. I enquired at Patná and at Agrá, whither he had subsequently gone as Bishop, with a similar result. From Agrá he returned to Rome. Being at Rome in the year 1890, I called at the College of the Congregatio de propaganda Fide, and, though a total stranger, when I communicated the object of my search, was most kindly and hospitably received, and given every assistance in searching through the magnificent Oriental Library attached to the Congregation. My efforts were in vain, so far as the immediate object was concerned, for no trace of the missing translation could be discovered, though I saw numerous translations into Nepálí of about the same date. Indeed the Jesuit Fathers, who first entered Nepál in 1661,³

¹ Vol. V, p. 722, June 1846.

² I omit from consideration a few detached extracts translated by the late Mr. John Christian.

³ The pioneers were Grüber, and Donville. They were succeeded by Ricanete, J. I. 6

appear to have made the language of that country their own in a very special manner. The translations which I saw in Rome, were on a far higher grade of excellence, than those into many Indian languages which issued from the Serampore press more than fifty years afterwards. Father Antonio's Bhágalpurí translation, however, could not be found, and there appears little doubt, but that it was destroyed in one of the disturbances in Patna, when the local mission of the Roman church was burnt down by the '*barbari id est badmashi*,' as a quaint Latin chronicle which I was permitted to see at Patna described them. My inquiries at Rome, however, gave me the clues, by the help of which I have traced the information which follows, and which may be found interesting, as showing glimpses of the growth in Europe of the knowledge of Indian languages.

In the early part of the eighteenth century, Maturin Veyssiére La Croze was in charge of the royal library at Berlin. This remarkable scholar, a profound student in oriental lore, as it was then understood, carried on a copious correspondence with nearly every learned man of his time. This correspondence was published in 1742-46 at Leipzig by Uhl, in three closely printed Latin volumes of about three hundred pages each, under the name of the *Thesaurus Epistolicus Lacrozianus*, which is still obtainable in old bookshops. I do not know a more entertaining book than this collection of letters on many subjects. The Latin is throughout easy, and the manner in which the various subjects are treated compels the reader's admiration for the learning and ingenuity displayed, while now and then some pit-fall of error¹ into which the wisest has fallen, warns students of the present day to avoid generalizations till we have made fast and firm the data on which we base them.

In the year 1714 we find David Wilkins writing to La Croze from Amsterdam, asking him for assistance in compiling a collection of translations of the Lord's Prayer² into as many languages as possible, which Wilkins was publishing in conjunction with John Chamberlayne of London. Amongst other languages mentioned, Wilkins³ specially states

a Capuchin, one of whose successors, Father Pinna, wrote a Catechism in Urdú, which, he dedicated to the Rajah of Betiá. Father Pinna died in Patna in 1747.

¹ *E. g.*, when La Croze maintains that all languages are derived from Hebrew and cites the Maráthí alphabet in proof thereof (Th. E. La C., III, 65).

² Mott had published a similar collection in London fourteen years previously, and Chamberlayne's '*Orationum dominicarum sylloge*' was a revised and enlarged edition of this.

³ Loc. Cit. I, 869, '*alphabetum Singaleum, Javanicum, et Bengalicum*' The Bangálí version is quite unintelligible. It is reprinted in the *Sprachemeister*, v. post.

that he intends to give for the first time specimens in the Sinhalese, Javan, and Bangali languages. This request incited La Croze¹ in November of the same year to write a long communication to Chamberlayne dealing with the subject of the study of languages in general, and vindicating comparative philology from the charge of inutility. He then proceeds to describe briefly the inter-relationship of the various languages as then known to him, and coming to India says, 'I have, however, little to offer concerning the alphabets of this country, except the conjecture that they are derived from that called *Hanscrit*.' The oldest letters of the Brachmans, he adds, can hardly have sprung from any source except from those of the Persians or Assyrians. But, as already remarked, the characters used by the other Indians are most probably derived from those called *Hanscrit*, which are used by the Brahmans, for on the one hand it is from them that the other Indian tribes imbibed their superstitions, and, on the other hand, Xaca, who laid the bonds of false religions on the peoples of the East, was himself brought up amongst the Brachmans. Moreover the order of the alphabet is the same amongst the Brachmans, the people of Malabar, the Sinhalese,² Siamese, Javans, and even of the language of Bali, which is the sacred tongue of Laos, Pegu, Cambodia, and Siam.

This change of the initial S of Sanskrit, into H is worth noting from a philological point of view. It seems to point to an authority coming from Eastern Bengal where *s* is in popular speech pronounced as *h*, and no doubt La Croze's immediate source of information was Bernier's travels (1666 A. D.). As Yule and Burnell in the Anglo-Indian Dictionary point out, the term Sanskrit did not come into familiar use till the last quarter of the 18th century. I am in doubt as to what religious reformer is referred to under the name of Xaca. Was it Sákya Muni?

So much for Chamberlayne's *Sylloge*, which was published early in 1715. It did not give great satisfaction to La Croze, for he complains³ in one of his letters that Wilkins, *more suo*, had so 'edited' a Tartar specimen which he had given him, that the donor could hardly recognize it.

In the following year 1716, Ziegenbalg⁴ a Danish Protestant Missionary writes from London. It is evidently a letter in answer to inquiries made by La Croze. The word Brachmann, says Ziegenbalg,

¹ L. C. III, pp 78 and ff. What letter writers there were in those days! This Epistle covers 17 pages of small type.

² Ceilanenses.

³ L. C. III, 20.

⁴ L. C. I, 381.

is wrong; and is not understood in India. The correct word is *Braman*. So also the language of the Bramans is never called *Hanscrit*, the only name used by Bramans themselves being *Kirendum*. Here the writer shows that his knowledge is confined to Southern India, *Kirendum* being an attempt to depict the Tamil pronunciation of the word *Grantham*.¹ He adds that the Bramans claim that this tongue is the root of all Indian languages such as the *Malabaric*, the *Wartic*, (i. e., Telugu), and the *Ziglesic*, which are spoken on the Malabar and Coromandel coasts, but he cannot believe that others such as the Malaic, the Mogulic, &c., have any connexion in it. As for Chamberlayne's *Sylloge* it is full of errors in the versions into the languages of Malabar, and when he returns to India he will send La Croze some more correct specimens, correctly translated by the boys of his Malabar school.

In September 1716 commenced La Croze's voluminous correspondence with Theophilus Siegfried Bayer, then residing at Leipzig, and subsequently at St. Petersburg, whose name will occur several times in these pages. The early letters afford few points of interest to Indian students. They deal principally with Tangut, Mongolian and Chinese. Incidentally La Croze² complains of the vast extent of his correspondence. 'People write to him from nearly every part of Europe, to the great damage of his time and of his purse.

In March 1717 Bayer³ ventures to doubt La Croze's theory that the Sanskrit alphabet was derived from Persian, and the latter but faintly defends his opinion, though strongly maintaining that the modern languages of India are derived from that of the Brachmans.⁴

Here there is an interval of some ten years, during which Bayer moved his residence to St. Petersburg, and the year 1717 may be taken as closing the first stage of attempts at a scientific inquiry into Indian languages. Men like La Croze and Bayer had to depend upon the untrained observations of travellers like Bernier, or to chance communications from Missionaries on leave in Europe. In their correspondence, the only vernacular of Northern India which they mention is Bangálí, and I can find no earlier mention of that language in any other work, though Yule⁵ quotes the word as meaning a native of Bengal, from Barros, who wrote in 1552. They make no reference to Hindí or Hindústání, though the word "*Hindústán*" had been used as meaning the vulgar language of India for more than a century.⁶ Probably the

¹ Cf. Valentijn (1727) (*Oud en Nieuw Oost Indien*), '*Girandam* by others called *Kerendum*, and also *Sanskrita*, is the language of the Brahmins and the learned.' Quoted in Hobson-Jobson, s. v. *Grunthum*.

² L. C. III, 59. ³ L. C. I, 16. ⁴ L. C. III, 22, 23. ⁵ Hobson-Jobson s. v.

⁶ Hobson-Jobson s. v.

fact that it was a purely vulgar language, and was considered a mere jargon, led to its being neglected.

The foundation of the Imperial Academy of Sciences of St. Petersburg, on the lines of the great French Academy, were laid by Peter the Great, and it was formally opened by the Empress Catherine. The most learned men of Europe (amongst whom was Bayer) were invited to join it, and finally it was placed in a permanent position by Peter II. The first part of the transactions, relating to the year 1726 was published in 1728.¹ These two volumes are very rare, nearly all having been destroyed in a fire which consumed the Imperial Academy and Printing Offices in 1741.

In the year 1727 Daniel Messerschmid, who had been deputed by Peter the Great to explore Siberia, returned to St. Petersburg, and amongst other curiosities brought with him an inscription, and a Chinese printed book. These were made over to Bayer, and he describes them in the third and fourth volume of the transactions.² The inscription consisted of two short lines, one being in Brahmanical and the other in Tangut letters. It is reproduced here.

तञ्जैमतिवद्रत्नैरु ॐ
॥ ॐ म रे प ङ हु रु ङ ॥

It will be recognized that the first line (which Bayer calls Brahmanical) is in the pointed variety of the Devanāgarī alphabet used by the Buddhists of Thibet, and called Lántsha. The second line is the ordinary Thibetan character. Bayer with the aid of his knowledge of Manchu, and of the book to be subsequently described, deciphered this as '*Ong ma ni pa dme ch³um chi.*' but was unable to translate it. Messerschmid, he says, told him that it was one of the commonest prayers of the Tanguts (*i. e.* Thibetans), and meant 'God have mercy on us.' This decipherment of the well-known Buddhist formula, *Om, mani padme,*

¹ Commentarii, Academiæ Scientiarum Imperialis Petropolitane, Tomus I, Ad Annum clo. lxxx. Petropoli Typis Academiæ clo lxxx. xviii.

² For the years 1728 and 1729, and published in 1732 and 1735 respectively.

³ Pronounced like a Greek χ.

hūm,¹ though its translation was incorrect, marks the first step in a new stage of the study of Indian languages in Europe. For the next few years, European scholars attacked the languages of Northern India through Chinese and Thibetan.

The other curiosity, the book which consisted of eight leaves, had been printed in China, and may be considered as the Rosetta stone of these explorers. It gave in parallel lines an entire syllabary of the Lántsha Devanágari alphabet, with a transliteration into Thibetan, and into what Bayer calls Mongolian. A reference to Ballhorn's Grammatography will show that these last letters are not in the Mongolian character as now accepted, but more nearly resemble those given as Manchu. They are evidently some Tartar alphabet. A facsimile of the first page and a half² is given on plate V. Bayer's first procedure was to establish as far as possible the Thibetan characters. This was an easy task, for the language was already partly known to him, and he had other Thibetan students and books at his command. Then with the aid of this and of other specimens, he established the Manchu transliteration, and finally from these two, he was enabled to make a very fair attempt at transliterating the Devanágari. In the plate, I have given the transliteration fixed by him. From this he deciphered the *Om maṇi padme hūm* of the inscription. It will be observed that the transliteration is incorrect in many particulars.

Having thus made out the Lántsha alphabet, Bayer sent a copy of it to Schultz, a missionary in Madras, and was gratified to learn that the letters could be read by Bráhmans of Northern India.³ Schultz, himself, to judge from the specimens he gives, cannot at that time have known Sanskrit, or, indeed, any Aryan Indian language. He spells the name of Banáras कान्ना or बनारस, and talks of बाहरा नाहरा. He, however, describes three alphabets and gives specimens of them, the Devanágari, the 'Balabandu,' and the 'Akár Nágari.' They have evidently been sent to Bayer just as they were written down for Schultz who could not read them. By 'Balabandu,' is meant Maráthí, but the three alphabets are really all Devanágari, as written by different hands. Schultz also gave instructions for pronunciation. Some of them may be quoted.

i breue, lingua ad dexteram inclinata.

i longum, lingua ad sinistram mota.

¹ See J. A. S. B. for 1892, Part I, pp. 30—33.

² There were two lines to a page, but as three lines comprise the entire alphabet of simple letters, I have given a page and a half on the plate, in this following Bayer.

³ 'Brahmanes extraneos et perigrinos.'

u breue, recto ex ore protruditur.

i longum, quasi duplex, sono in altum prolato.

dha (d) d formatur lingua quasi apoplectica, vt salina ad palatum opem ferat, h admodum auditur: ceterum quasi aliquod n præmittitur, quod in primis sentitur, quoties vocalis præcedit, e. g., *ba-ndha*, legitur plane *ban-dha*.

Truly our forefathers must have felt the same difficulties with the cerebral letters, that we have now-a-days, and the 'apoplectic tongue,' is still found in the mouth of many a griffin.

Bayer relates how a certain Calmuc Ambassador named Bordon, who was then in St. Petersburg, helped him to acquire this pronunciation, and concludes with a brief notice, received from India, of the Maráthí, Gujarátí, and Maura languages. By the last named, he apparently means Urdú, what the English subsequently called Gentoo, or Moors. All this time he was conducting an active correspondence with La Croze, in which, not only does the Chinese book find due mention, but we meet one of the earliest efforts of comparative philology, the first four numerals in eight languages.¹ During the next ten years the two friends now and then refer to Indian languages,¹ and to the last La Croze adheres to this old error that the Maráthí alphabet is derived from Hebrew.

In 1745, was printed the first grammar of Hindústání, which I have seen noticed. It was written by the missionary Schultz already mentioned. I have not had the good fortune to see the work itself, and my only information concerning it is the title in the Catalogue of M. Garcin de Tassy's Books, 1879, quoted by Col. Yule in his *Anglo-Indian Dictionary*.²

In 1748 was published at Leipzig the *Orientalisch-und-occidentalischer Sprachmeister*, compiled by Johann Friedrich Fritz, and dedicated by him to Schultz. This very curious work contains accounts of over a hundred alphabets from all parts of the world, followed by some two hundred translations of the Lord's Prayer. A good deal of the description of the alphabets of India was contributed by Schultz, whose account of Hindustání is especially interesting and full. This is a general description of the composition of the Urdú language. Attention is drawn to the large number of Arabic and Persian words in its vocabulary, but the student is warned against supposing that it is in any way derived from those speeches. The ordinary Persian alphabet is given, but there is

¹ Thesaurus I, 58. The eight languages are, 'Camacinienses, Arincenses, Camteschatquenses f. Yedsenses et Coraenses, Tangutenses et Tibetenses (1 = *Dscyk*, 2 = *Ny*, 3 = *Sesum*), Persæ, Mogulenses Indi (1 = *Hicku*, 2 = *Gau*, 3 = *Tray*, 4 = *Tzahr*), Oeselentes, Letti.' Who are meant by the 'Indian Mughals?'

² S. V. Hindustanee.

no mention of the Indian cerebralized four dotted letters of that character. Among the Indian alphabets described may be mentioned, Bangálí, Tamil, Grantham, Telugu, Burmese (called Pegu), Maráthí, Devanágari (three varieties, borrowed from Bayer), and Singhalese. There is also a comparative table of fifty common words, in twelve different Indian languages, including Sanskrit, Canarese, Konkani, and Gujrátí.

The versions of the Lord's Prayer are collected from widely different sources. Some are very fair and legible. Others are grossly incorrect. The Bangálí translation, which is taken from Wilkins' sample given in Chamberlayne's *Sylloge*¹ is almost worth reprinting as a curiosity for the number of seemingly impossible mistakes it contains. In fact it is quite illegible and unintelligible to every native of Bengal to whom I have shown it. It has evidently been made by some person who got a copy of the alphabet and a general description of the language and then 'greatly dared.' Even his knowledge of the alphabet is incomplete. For instance, he knew that the form for a non-initial *e* is *ꣳ*, but did not know that it must come before the consonant to which it is affixed. Hence for *de*, instead of writing *ꣳꣳ*, he wrote *ꣳꣳ*. Other similarly gross blunders occur in the writing,² and as for the language, when deciphered, it is not intelligible. Only here and there can a Bangálí word (usually wrongly spelled) be recognized. The incorrectness of this version is very curious, for under the head of alphabets, the Bangálí character is given with very considerable accuracy. Most of the other translations are fair enough. Amongst them I may mention, Hindústání by Schultz, (Persian character; Commences, *ásmán po* (misprint for *par*) *rahtá*, so *hamamrá báp*), 'Brachmanic' (the Latin version transliterated into Devanágari), Sanskrit (Devanágari. Commences *úrddhva-loka-sthito mat-pitah*), 'Akar Nagarika ex Caschia' (language, Bhojpurí; character, Devanágari), Gujrátí, Goanese, Tamil (five versions), Telugu, Sanskrit (Telugu characters), Maráthí, Canarese, Sanskrit (Grantham characters), Maráthí (current hand), Singhalese, and Burmese (Pegu). Altogether the Sprachmeister is a fairly correct and interesting compilation.

It held the field as an authority on Oriental languages till 1771 when there appeared, from the press of the College de Propaganda Fide, a Latin pamphlet entitled '*Alphabetum Brammanicum seu Indostanum Universitatis Kasi*'. As its name implies it is a description of the Devanágari alphabet, and is the first book printed in

¹ No wonder La Croze lamented over Wilkins' editing.

² For instance the initial form of vowels is sometimes used instead of the non-initial form, and one consonant is used for another. Thus *bappá*, father, is spelled *bámmaa* बाय्मआ.

Europe from types in that character.¹ It has an interesting preface summing up the knowledge on Indian subjects gained up to that time. Mention is made of a MS. *Lexicon Linguae Indostanicae*, 'Quod Auctorem habet Franciscum M. Turonensem,' a monk of the Surat Mission, which was written in 1704 A.D.² There is also a careful and accurate description of the various appliances adopted in India for writing, and the manner of their use. One hundred and nine pages are devoted to a full account of the Devanāgarī alphabet, as written 'at the University of Kāśī.' This is followed by an account of the 'Kaithī, or (as it is called in the book) the Nāgarī alphabet. For this character also types were cast, more than a hundred years before they were again cast, under the supervision of the present writer, at the Bengal Secretariat Press. We have then a chapter on numerals, and the little volume concludes with two versions of the Lord's Prayer,—one a transliteration of the Latin into Devanāgarī, and the other a translation into very fair Hindī, followed by an *Ave Maria*, and Apostle's creed in the latter language.

In the following year (1772) appeared in London, Hadley's '*Grammatical Remarks on the Practical and Vulgar Dialect of the Indostan Language commonly called Moors*.' An account of this work will be found in the Anglo-Indian Dictionary.³ It is a very incomplete work, and far behind the one to be next noticed. As Col. Yule gives full particulars of this, the first English Hindústānī Grammar, a passing notice will suffice here.

Six years subsequently, in 1778, appeared the first attempt at a scientific treatment of Hindústānī. It was in Portuguese, and the title page runs as follows:—*Gramatica Indostana a mais vulgar que e practica no Imperio do gram Mogol offerecida aos muitos reverendos Padres Missionarios do ditto Imperio em Roma MDCCCLXXVIII na Estamperia da Sagrada Congregação de Propaganda Fide.* Like the Alphabetum Brammhanicum, this work was published in Rome. It is altogether an excellent work: and the author or authors had evidently a good grip of the language. The transliteration is scientific, though on a system widely differing from that of Sir W. Jones. As an example 'tum ko bahut piār kartā hūn' is given as 'tōm kō bōhot pēar cartahū.' For the first time attention is drawn to the use of the particle *ne* with the past tenses of transitive verbs, and the difficult question of compound verbs is treated with

¹ The *Sprachemeister* is a collection of copper plate engravings.

² I searched for this in the College Library at Rome, but could not find it.

³ S. V. Moors.

considerable success. It may be noted that the various postpositions *ká, ke, ká, ko, &c.*, are treated as declensional forms of the indefinite article, which are placed after a substantive, instead of before as in Portuguese.

This concludes my notice of the 'Early Study of Indian Vernaculars in Europe.' A good deal had been done, but the results had hardly penetrated to India. In 1783, the judicious Colebrooke wrote from Calcutta to his family 'you recommend my being assiduous in acquiring the languages. It is what I intend, but there is no danger of my applying too intensely. The one, and that the most necessary, Moors,' *i.e.*, Hindústání, 'by being not written, bars all close application; the other, Persian, is too dry to entice, and is so seldom of any use that I seek its acquisition very leisurely.'¹ The following year (1784) saw the founding of the Asiatic Society, and it is one of our most legitimate sources of pride that it took up the clue where it had been dropped by the Roman Catholic Missionaries, and under the influence of men like Sir W. Jones, Wilkins, and especially Gilchrist, the Indian Vernaculars ceased to be despised for 'not being written' and became the object of investigations which have continued to the present day.

The sacred lamp so lit has never been extinguished, and the greatest living authorities on the subject, Mr. Beames and Dr. Hørnle, are still, I am glad to say, Members of the Society.

ADDENDUM.

LA CROZE.

I am indebted to Mr. Quaritch for the following extract from the *Nouvelle Biographie Générale*, which gives a full account of this eminent orientalist.

VEYSSIERE DE LA CROZE (Mathurin).—orientaliste français né à Nantes le 4 Décembre 1661, mort à Berlin le 21 Mai 1739. Dégouté de l'étude par la sévérité mal entendue de son maître, il s'embarqua à quatorze ans, pour la Guadeloupe, où son père négociant éclairé, avait des relations d'affaires. Pendant le séjour qu'il fit dans cette île, il acquit la connaissance des langues anglaise, espagnole et portugaise. A son retour il entra comme novice dans le couvent des bénédictins à Samur (1677), et y prit l'habit (1682). Bien que la vie studieuse de cette congrégation fut de son goût, il eut des démêlés avec le supérieur et fut menacé de la prison. Effrayé du sort qu'il croyait l'attendre, il réussit à

¹ Life, p. 13.

s'évader et gagna Bâle (1696) où il embrassa le protestantisme. En même temps il prit le nom de la Croze, que était celui d'un petit bien de sa famille. Ayant passé à Berlin, il devint bibliothécaire de l'électeur (fevr. 1697) aux modiques appointements de 200 écus par an. Il se chargea aussi de l'éducation du margrave de Schweltdt. Leibniz avec qui il était lié, le fit nommer professeur à l'université de Helmstädt; mais il fallait pour remplir ces fonctions faire acte de lutheranisme; La Croze se refusa à ce changement de confession. Bientôt après, on lui confia l'éducation de la princesse royale, depuis margrave de Baireuth. Son auguste élève fit augmenter son traitement de bibliothécaire et lui procura la chaire de philosophie au Collège français (1724). Dans son vieillesse il fut assailli par des affections fort graves, la gravelle et l'hypochondrie, résultat de son application excessive à l'étude. Il mourut à soixante-dix-sept ans, d'un mal à la jambe. Doué d'une mémoire prodigieuse et d'un esprit pénétrant, La Croze fut un érudit fort distingué. Il ne lui manqua pour devenir un homme éminent qu'un jugement d'une plus haute portée. Ses qualités morales, non moins que ses connaissances étendues, lui firent de nombreux amis, parmi lesquels il faut citer Spanhoim, Bayle, Béausobre, Lenfant, Leibniz, Cuper et A. Fabricius. On a de lui: *Actes et titres de la maison de Bouillon*; Cologne (Berlin) 1698 in-12: *Observations critiques sur les pièces employées par Baluze dans son histoire de la maison d'Auvergne*—*Dissertations historiques sur divers sujets*; Rotterdam 1707, in 8°: il y en a trois qui traitent: du socinianisme et du mahométisme dont les principes fondamentaux sont les mêmes, d'après lui: du système de P. Hardouin sur l'origine supposée des écrits des anciens: et de l'état de la religion chrétienne dans les Indes.—*Vindiciæ veterum scriptorum contra Harduinum*; ibid 1708 in 8°, réfutation d'une hypothèse qui lui parassait pleine de dangers, et sur laquelle il revint encore dans deux lettres, l'un impr. dans la *Rélation du Voyage littér.* de Jordan, l'autre dans la *Biblioth. german.* t. XXXIII. La Croze s'était imaginé que le paradoxe du P. Hardouin était le résultat d'un complot formé par la société toute entière des Jésuites; sans doute pour détruire le prestige de la littérature ancienne; *Entretiens sur divers sujets d'histoire, de littérature, de religion et de critique*; Cologne (Amst. 1711—in 12) ou quatre entretiens avec un Juif. On y trouve une dissertation sur l'athéisme trad. en anglais, et une critique aussi injuste que passionnée, de l'*Histoire des Juifs de Basnage*;—*Histoire du christianisme dans les Indes*—La Hays 1774 pet. in 8°, et 1758, 2 vol. in 12° trad. en allemand; c'est son meilleur ouvrage. *Histoire du christianisme d'Ethiopie et d'Arménie*; ibid 1739 pet. in 8°; cet écrit est bien inférieur au précédant;—*Thesaurus epistolicus Lacrozianus*—Leipzig 1743-46 3 vol. in 4°; recueil publié par le professeur

Uhle;—*Lexicon aegyptiaco—latinum*—Oxford 1775 in 4°; le manuscrit de cet ouvrage considérable a été revu par Scholtz, et annoté par Woide qui le fait paraître au frais de l'Université d'Oxford. Chaque mot copte est suivi de son équivalent en grec et en latin, mais sans autre explication (voy. *Oriental und exeges. Biblioth. de Michaelis*, t. I, p. 202, et suivi, et *Recherches sur l'Egypte* par Quatremère);—un grand nombre d'articles dans les publications périodiques. Parmi les ouvrages inédits de ce savant, il faut citer un Dictionnaire arménien qui lui avait coûté de longues recherches; un *Dictionnaire slaron*. et un *Dictionnaire syriaque*.

M. N. en *Nouv. Biographie générale*, 1866.

*Note on the History of the East India Company Coinage
from 1753-1835.—By EDGAR THURSTON.*

When I was engaged in collecting material for my 'History of the Coinage of the Territories of the East India Company in the Indian Peninsula, and Catalogue of the coins in the Madras Museum,'* the records of the Madras Mint were placed at my disposal by the Madras Government, and I expressed a hope that some one would eventually explore the archives of the Calcutta and Bombay Mints with a view to clearing up many obscure points in the history of the coinage of the Company, which constitutes a complicated branch of modern numismatics.

My head-quarters having, by the fortune of service, been temporarily transferred from Madras to Calcutta, the opportunity has been taken advantage of to examine the records of the Calcutta Mint; and facilities for carrying out the research in my spare moments were courteously given to me by Colonel Baird, F. R. S., Master of the Mint, to whom I have to express my great indebtedness.

The Calcutta Mint Committee Proceedings which are preserved in the Calcutta Mint, commence with the year 1792 (more than thirty years after the establishment of the Calcutta Mint), and are, with very few exceptions, continuous to 1835, where my investigations ceased, as the history of the Company's coinage after that year, in which a general British currency was established, is no longer veiled in doubt and obscurity.

Of the Calcutta Mint Records from the establishment of the Mint in 1760 to 1792, I have been unable to find any trace, and this is the more to be regretted, since the history of the coinage during this

period is beset with difficulties, the problem being, as pointed out by Dr. Stanley Lane-Poole* to determine where the native coinage ends and the Company's begins.

1753. In a despatch to the Court of Directors dated 12th February, 1753, it is mentioned that "the utmost Calcutta. secrecy was necessary with reference to the establishment of a mint at Calcutta, as any attempt to effect an arrangement with the Nawáb would be immediately overset by Juggut Sing." A vakíl was entrusted and consulted, who said that his master, Hackem Beg, had a son in great power at Delhi, who might be able to get a phirmaund from the king; but that this would be attended at least with the expense of 100,000 rupees, and that, on the arrival of the phirmaund at Cossimbazar, it would cost another 100,000 rupees to the mutsuddys and diwáns of the Nawáb to put the phirmaund in force.

1759-60. The establishment of a mint at Calcutta finally took place in 1759 or 1760, and the following is a translation of the parwána: "To the noblest of merchants, the English Company, be the royal favour. In Calcutta a mint is established. You shall coin gold and silver of equal value and fineness with the ashrafees and rupees of Murshidábád in the name of Calcutta. In the suburbs of Bangala, Bihár, and Orissa, they shall be current, and no person shall demand or insist upon a discount upon them. Dated the 11th of the moon Zihada in the 4th year."

1792. In 1792 a Committee was constituted in Calcutta by order of the Governor-General, Earl Cornwallis, for Bengal. superintending the mints and enquiring into the general state of the coinage in Bengal, Bihár, and Orissa. Among the instructions given to the Committee were:—

1. To enquire particularly into the cause of the little progress which had been made towards the establishment of the general currency of the sikka rupees.

2. To ascertain the causes of the batta or discount that had frequently been levied on the exchange of a gold mohar for silver.

3. To report whether it would be advisable to declare the gold mohars, and the multiples thereof, legal tender of payment in the three provinces in all transactions, public and private, at the value at which they were then received and paid at the general treasury and in all private transactions.

* Catalogue of coins of the Moghul Emperors, 1892.

4. To enquire into the state of the copper coinage.

5. To state their sentiments on the practicability and expediency of coining the gold mohars, rupees and pice, or either of those coins, with machinery of similar construction to that in use in the mints in Europe.

On May 14th, 1792, the Mint Master informed the Committee that he had received orders from the Governor-General to establish mints at Patna and Murshidábád, to facilitate the conversion of the various species of silver coins current in the several districts into sikka rupees.

A new gold mohar and sikka rupee of the current coinage were laid before the Committee, who were of opinion that the size, shape, and impression of the mohar were perfect, and equal, if not superior, to the newest English guinea, or any of the gold coins in Europe, the die being precisely the same size as the coin, which consequently bore the whole legend, the letters being cut flat, and the coin being difficult to drill without defacing it, owing to its being milled and of proper thickness. With respect to the rupee, the Committee considered that it was very defective both with regard to its size, thickness, and impression, which was struck with a die of twice the circumference of the coin, so that only a part of the impression appeared on the coin. The letters were considered to be too prominent, and liable to injury from common wear and filing, and the thickness of the coin and absence of milling rendered it liable to be easily filed, bored, and defaced. The Committee, therefore, recommended that the rupee should be coined in every respect in the same manner as the gold mohar.

In the Calcutta Mint Committee's Proceedings, 1792, the following historical sketch of the Benares mint (concerning which great confusion exists) by Mr. Barlow, who had been deputed in 1787 to enquire into the trade and coinage of Benares, is placed on record.

Benares.

A mint was first established at Benares in the 15th year of the reign of Muhammad Sháh (1734). The assay of the rupee was fixed at 22 chauwals, but, by the connivance of the Superintendents of the mint, it was debased to 32 chauwals at different periods before the 30th and last year of the reign.

During the first three years of the reign of Ahmad Sháh (1748-50) the mint was under the charge of Rájá Balwant Singh, who increased the duties on the coinage by attaching the fees of the officers of the mint, and establishing new ones to the same amount. In the 1st year the assay was kept up to 22 chauwals, but in the 2nd and 3rd years the Rájá farmed the mint to one Nandráam who, to increase his

receipts, debased the coin to 24 and 32 chauwals. The mint records were burnt by Balwant Singh, and no records were kept in the mint until the 17th year of the reign of Sháh 'Alam (1776). The farmers carried away their books in order to conceal the profits they reaped from debasing the coins. The system of farming out the mints, first adopted by Ratan Chand, Diwán to Farrukhsiyar, at length introduced the custom of changing the value of the rupee every year. Those who had payments to make were consequently obliged to carry their old rupees to the mint to have them re-coined into sikkas, the name given to the rupees of the current year. Previous to the 10th year of the reign of Sháh 'Alam (1769), the new coined sikka rupee, after circulating twelve months, fell 3 per cent., and at the expiration of two years 2 per cent. more, at which value it continued under the denomination 'sanwát.' On the 6th August, 1771, this usage was abolished by the British Government, who resolved that the sikkas coined in the 10th year of the reign should be considered as sanwáts, and that those coined in the 11th and all subsequent years should pass in payment at the same value as the sikkas of the current year.

From the beginning of the 4th to the end of the 6th and last year (1754) of Ahmad Sháh the mint was under the charge of Aghá Asad Beg, Kiladár or Governor of the Fort of Chunár. The assay of the rupees was from 26 to 32 chauwals.

At the commencement of the reign of 'Alamgir II (1754) the mint fell to the Vizier Shujá'ud-daulah. During the 1st and 2nd years the assay of the rupees was from 26 to 28 chauwals. In the 3rd year Shujá'ud-daulah made over the mint to his brother-in-law, Mirza 'Alí Khán, who farmed it to Subháu Chand. The assay of the rupees was from 24 to 32 chauwals. In the 4th year the mint was farmed to the agent of an eminent Benares banker, and the rupees were debased to 64 chauwals and, for the first time, half a ratí in weight. Rájá Balwant Singh refused to receive them into his treasury. In the 5th year the rupees were raised to their proper weight of 9 máshás, 7 ratís (or 632 chauwals), but continued at the debased standard of 40 and 48 chauwals. In the 6th and last year of the reign the rupees were debased to 100 chauwals assay (i. e. $\frac{535}{630}$ silver and $\frac{95}{630}$ alloy) and half a ratí in weight.

In the 1st year of the reign of Sháh 'Alam, Shujá'ud-daulah appointed a person on his own part to superintend the coinage, and the rupee was restored to its former weight, (9m. 7r.) and to 26 chauwals assay. During the 2nd to 8th years the assay remained at 40 chauwals. In the latter year (1767) Shujá'ud-daulah, at the recommendation of Lord Clive, resolved to reform the coin. The Benáres mint was, ac-

cordingly, committed to the care of Mirzá Hasan, who engaged to restore the rupees to their proper weight and standard. A Delhi rupee of the 18th year of Muhammad Sháh was sent as a sample for the new coinage. This rupee was 22 chauwals fine, but, being worn, had lost 2 chauwals in weight. The new rupees were, in consequence, 2 chauwals deficient, and from that time the Benares rupees continued at 9m. 6r. 6 ch., being 2 chauwals less than the original weight of 9m. 7r. In the 9th year the mint was farmed to Monsieur Gentille, the French Agent at Shujá'ud-daulah's court, and the same assay (22 chauwals) was continued until the 15th year (1774). A considerable portion of the rupees issued in the 16th year contained only $5\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of silver, to $10\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of copper.

In the 17th year of the reign of Sháh 'Alam (1776) the mint was transferred by the Company to Chait Singh, who engaged to coin rupees of 9m. 9r. 6 ch., weight and 18 chauwals fine, and to continue the die of the 17th san, in order to put an end to the confusion in the currency occasioned by the constant alteration of the value of the coin. "All rupees, therefore," the Records state, "coined in the Benares mint since the 17th year of the present reign, ought to be of the same weight and standard, and to pass current as sikkas* of the present year. The rupees current in the district of Benares may, therefore, be classed as sanwát and sikka, the former coined under the Mughal Princes, and the latter since the 17th year of the reign of Sháh 'Alam, when the mint was seced to the Company by the Vizier, and by them transferred to Chait Singh."

The following table gives information as to the assays, weights, and names of the rupees coined at the Benares mint from its establishment to 1782:—

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* Previous to the time of Farrukhsiyar all rupees coined under the reigning king were considered as sikkas, and passed at their original value during his life. At the accession of a new king, the rupees of the former reign were subject to a batta, and were not received into the royal treasury.

REIGN.	ASSAY.	BENARES WEIGHT.			CALCUTTA WEIGHT.			REMARKS.
		M.	R.	Ch.	M.	R.	Ch.	
MUHAMMAD SHÁH.								
15th to 22nd years	22 } 32 }	9	7	...	10	...	...
23th " 28th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29th " 30th "	22	...	...	...	...	...	...
AHMAD SHÁH.								
1st year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2nd to 4th years	24 } 32 }	...	...	...	...	...	...
5th year	32	...	...	...	...	...	...
6th to 7th years	26	...	...	...	...	...	...
'ĀLANGÍR II.								
1st and 2nd years	26 } 28 }	...	...	...	...	...	...
3rd year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SHÁH 'ĀLAM.								
1st year	26	9	7	...	10	...	...
2nd to 7th years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8th " 10th "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11th year	22	9	6	6	9	7	6	
12th "	26	...	...	...	...	...	...
13th to 14th years	28	...	...	...	...	...	...
15th " 16th "	28	...	...	...	...	...	...
17th " 28th "	18	...	...	...	...	...	...

The rupees of the 4th to 6th years of 'Ālamgir II were called Trisúls from having the trisúls or Hindu trident stamped upon them.

The rupees of the 1st to 7th years were called Thunká Goharsháhís; Thunkás signifying small, and Gohar Sháh being the name of Sháh 'Ālam previous to his accession to the throne.

Called Chaurá or broad Goharsháhís* to distinguish them from the Thunká or small ones, which Shujá'ud-daulah, at the desire of Lord Clive, ordered to be discontinued.

Called Jhardár from a mark or branch ← marked on the coin.

Sikka rupees of the same weight and fineness, and which ought to pass current at the same value. They are distinguished also by the appellation of machhidár, from the head of a fish being stamped upon them.

The rupees of the 4th to 6th years of 'Alangir II were called Tridás from having the trisú or Hindu trident stamped upon them.

The rupees of the 1st to 7th years were called Thumká Goharsháhís; thumká signifying small, and Gohar Sháh being the name of Sháh 'Alam previous to his accession to the throne.
Called Chaurá or broad Goharsháhís* to distinguish them from the Thumká or small ones, which Shujá'ud-daulah, at the desire of Lord Clive, ordered to be discontinued.

Called Jharlár from a mark or branch \Leftarrow marked on the coin.
Sikka rupees of the same weight and fineness, and which ought to pass current at the same value. They are distinguished also by the appellation of machhlidár, from the head of a fish being stamped upon them.

* Regulation V, 1821, refers to "Gharahíthee or Tirooslee rupees."

The fact is incidentally mentioned that, when the Sháhzádá (Sháh 'Álam) invaded Bihár, the mint accompanied him, and a large quantity of Benares rupees were melted down and coined into 'rikabees' (*rikáb*, a stirrup) which were 1r. 2ch. deficient in weight, and of 64 chauwals assay, but were made to pass in the camp as sikkas of the established weight and fineness. It is also noted that two lacs of rupees were annually melted down for the manufacture of the laces and rich stuffs for which Benares was celebrated.

From Mr. Barlow's sketch the following account of the coinage of copper has been derived.

The pice current in the city and district of Benares previous to the establishment of the mint, were mostly coined at Gorakhpur in Oudh from copper brought from the northern hills. The first coinage of pice at Benares was in the 23rd year of the reign of Muhammad Sháh (1742), when 100 maunds weight were struck with the die of the sikka rupee. From that period till the 4th year of the reign of Sháh 'Álam (1762), no pice were coined in the Benares mint. In the 5th year the farmer of the mint purchased some English copper, and coined it into pice of 10 máshás stamped with the die of Gorakhpur. The number exchanged for a rupee was 45 to 48. The coinage of pice was again discontinued until the 17th year (1776), when it was re-established by permission of Rájá Chait Singh. The new pice were 10m. 3r. in weight, and passed current at about 50 or 51 to the rupee. In the following year a quantity of copper was brought to Benares from Calcutta, and the coining of pice and exclusive privilege of buying and selling copper in Benares granted to one Káshmirú Mall for Rs. 5,000. The weight of the coins continued to be 10m. 3r. and they passed in the bazár at about 52 or 53 per rupee. In the 19th and 20th years the coinage was declared free, and those who brought copper received pice in return, after paying duties. In the 21st year (1779) a considerable revolution took place in the copper coinage. The Nawáb Vizier issued orders to the officers of the Alláhábád mint to reduce the weight of the pice to 9m. 2r. The merchants, finding that their maund of copper yielded 3,650 pice at Alláhábád and only 3,250 at Benares, carried all their copper to the former place. The coinage of pice was, consequently, at a stand still, only 29 maunds being coined during the year. Large quantities of the new Alláhábád pice were brought by merchants to Benares. Rájá Chait Singh at first refused to authorise their currency, but at length gave his consent, and the Alláhábád pice of 9m. 3r. were declared current, and ordered to be received in payment in common with the old pice of 10m. 3r. The result was that the bankers contrived to lower the value of the pice altogether, and were

assisted in so doing by large importations from Alláhábád. In the 22nd year Rájá Chait Singh ordered pice to be coined of the same size and weight as the Alláhábád pice, and this contributed greatly to overstocking the circulation. In the 23rd and 24th years, after the expulsion of Chait Singh, the same weight (9m. 2r.) was continued, and the price of pice continued to fall until the famine in the next year, when they sold at thirteen for a rupee. In the 27th year the Resident at Benares ordered that no pice should be issued from the mint under 10m. 3r. and that Gorakhpur pice, weighing 10m. to 10m. 3r. and Benares pice, weighing 10m. 3r. should pass at the same value. The price immediately rose to 58 per rupee. In the 28th year (1787), when it was supposed that sufficient new pice had been coined for the city of Benares, the Gorakhpur pice were forbidden, and only the new Benares pice stamped with a trisúl (trident), and weighing from 10m. to 10m. 3r. and the Gorakhpur pice, re-stamped and not under 10m. in weight, were declared current.

As regards the gold coinage at the Benares mint, it is stated that the gold was assayed there by touch on a species of the *salgrám** stone so celebrated in the *sástras* of the Hindus. Upon comparing the Calcutta with the Benares gold mohars, it was found (1787) that the former was about Rs. 2-1-6 better than the latter, i. e., R. 1-14-9 in weight and As 2-9 in assay. It was suggested, therefore, that the Benares mohar should be raised to the same weight and standard as the Calcutta mohar.

1792. On June 26, 1792, the following regulations were submitted, among others, for the consideration of the Governor General:—
Dacca, Patna, Murshidábád.

I. That the rupees coined throughout Bengal, Bihár,† and the district of Benares, be of the same weight, standard, size and impression (the rupee of the 19th san then coined at Calcutta).

II. That the mints of Dacca, Patna and Murshidábád be re-established.

III. That one species of copper coin be declared current throughout the Company's dominions.

In August, 1792, it was notified that directions had already been given by the Governor General for the re-establishment of the mints at Dacca, Patna, and Murshidábád; and in the same month, the follow-

* *Sálagráma* stones are fossil ammonites, which, as worshipped by the Hindus, are commonly perforated by holes believed to have been made by Vishnu.

† I have, for convenience, adopted a uniform spelling of the names, of places, e. g., Bihár and Murshidábád instead of Behar and Moorsheadabad.

ing propositions were, among others, made by the Calcutta mint Committee, with a view to drawing the old and light coins into the mints, and establishing the general currency of the sikka rupee:—

I. That after April 10th, 1794, only the san 19 sikka rupees be received at the public treasuries, or issued therefrom ;

II. That public notice be given that Government, with a view to enabling individuals to get their old coin or bullion converted into sikka rupees without delay, have established mints at Dacca, Patna and Murshidábád in addition to the mint at Calcutta ;

III. That the rupees coined at Dacca, Patna and Murshidábád, be made precisely of the same shape, weight and standard as the 19 san sikka rupees coined at Calcutta, in order that the rupees struck at the several mints might not be recognisable from each other, and might be received and paid indiscriminately ;

IV. That the dies be made of the same size as the coin, and that the coins be milled ;

V. That the hijrah year be omitted, as the insertion of it, by showing the year in which the rupees were struck, would defeat the object of Government in continuing the 19th san upon the coins.

The earliest weekly account of the new Dacca mint which I have been able to find, is dated 11th August, 1792, on which day the Assay Master also submitted to the Calcutta Mint Committee the accounts of the preceding three months, and promised in future to forward a weekly account.

On 23rd October, 1792, the Assay Master of the Murshidábád mint reported that he was erecting workshops, etc., at the Dutch Factory, and hoped to begin coining by the end of the following week. The opening of the mint was announced to the Governor General in a letter dated December, 1792.

1793. On 24th February, 1793, the Assay Master of the Patna mint announced to the Calcutta Mint Committee that everything would be ready by the end of the month for the coining of five lacs monthly.

In 1793 a regulation* was passed, by which the gold and silver coin in Bengal, Bihár, and Orissa was reformed, and the currency of any gold or silver coin in these provinces, but the 19th san gold mohar and 19th san sikka rupee, and their respective divisions into halves and quarters, was prohibited.

* See Prinsep, *Indian Antiquities*, and Thurston, *History of the Coinage of the East India Company*.

1795. In a minute dated 2nd October, 1795, the defective state of the copper coinage in Bengal was dealt with, and the principles upon which the copper currency was regulated under Native administration, and the rules that had been prescribed regarding it by the British Government were noted. **Bengal.** "Under the Mogul administration," the minute states, "the silver coin was the only measure of value and legal tender of payments. Gold mohurs and pice were struck at the mints for the convenience of individuals, who carried gold or copper to be converted into those coins. But the Government never fixed the number of pice which should be equivalent to a rupee, any more than the number of rupees which should pass in exchange for a gold mohur. From the year 1772, when the mints at Dacca, Patna, and Murshidábád were withdrawn, no pice were coined in the Provinces until 1783, when a contract was concluded with Mr. Prinsep for coining pice on account of the Government. These pice were of four descriptions, viz., whole or pucka, weighing 20 annas, half pice, quarters and eighths. These pice were issued by the Government at the rate of 32 pucka pice, 64 half, 128 quarter pice, and 256 eighth pice for the sikka rupee."

At a council, over which Sir John Shore, Governor General, presided, held on 2nd October, 1795, it was considered expedient that there should only be two descriptions of copper coin, a whole and half pice, to pass at the value of a quarter and an eighth of an anna respectively. It was, accordingly, resolved that a Regulation should be framed, and published for the establishment of a new copper coinage* for Bengal Bihár, and Orissa. Among the provisions of this Regulation were:—

I. That people in all parts of the country be apprised of the value at which the coin was issued by Government, and to be received and paid by the public and individuals;

II. That the value be inscribed on one surface in Persian, Bangálí and Nágari—the characters used in business in the Provinces;

III. That the coin be declared legal tender of payment for fractions of half a rupee;

IV. That the coin be struck at the Calcutta mint, and not at the three City mints.

The Governor General approved of samples of the new pice and half pice in November, 1795, and orders were issued to coin an equal value of the two coins, until it was ascertained which was likely to be in the greatest demand. A week later, however, the Governor General, understanding that the relative values of the whole and half pice would

* The existing piece was known as the Calcutta, or Prinsep's pice.

be best understood by the Natives, especially the lower orders, by substituting "ek pái sikká" and "ádhá pái sikká" for "pauṇ áná and (the inscriptions originally ordered) resolved that instructions for altering the inscriptions be issued to the Mint Master.

Towards the end of 1795 trouble was caused by the debased quality of the gold mohars issued from the **Dacca, Patna, Murshidábád.** Dacca, Patna, and Murshidábád mints, and by the rupees issued from the Patna and Murshidábád mints being below sikká standard. It was, after enquiry into the matter, resolved that the coinage of gold at the Patna mint should be for the time discontinued, and that, for the present, no more coins should be struck at the Murshidábád mint. In the course of the correspondence relating to the debased coinage, reference is made to the distinguishing marks of the three mints, but, for precaution's sake, the nature of these private marks (recognisable with a lens) is not mentioned.

1796. In February, 1796, it was resolved that all the gold bullion sent to the Calcutta mint should, until further **Bengal.** orders, be coined into quarter mohars, inasmuch as these coins were in much greater request among the lower orders than the gold coins of higher value.

In April 1796, in consequence of a report from the Mint Master, that considerable loss would be sustained annually if Government adhered to their original intention of coining the whole pice at 16 annas and the half pice at 8 annas sikká weight, Government was reduced to the alternative of relinquishing the establishment of the new copper coinage altogether, or reducing its value. It was accordingly resolved that the coining of whole pice of 12 annas and half pice of 6 annas sikká weight, be commenced immediately. The Mint Master, however, reported that dies could not be made for pice of smaller diameter than those then in use, as there would not be a sufficient body of metal to yield a bold impression. It was thereupon ordered that, in the event of its appearing impracticable to insert the whole of the inscription, the Persian portion should be omitted instead of the Nágari as suggested by the Mint.

1797. The coinage of money at the Dacca and Patna mints ceased on 31st January 1797, and December 31st **Dacca, Patna, Murshidábád.** 1796, respectively. The date of the closing of the Murshidábád mint I have not been able to find, but the records of 1799 make reference to "assaying materials which may be deposited in the late mint at that station, and to the best means of disposing of the building which was formerly used for a mint at Murshidábád."

1800. In a letter dated 12th December, 1800, on the subject of the irregularities at the Benares mint, the **Benares.** Collector of that city suggested the advisability of a European being placed in charge of the mint, and of having rupees coined there of the same standard as the Bihâr sikka rupees.

1801. In April 1801, a Committee was appointed to enquire into the state of the Benares mint, and report on the **Benares.** expediency of continuing it. From the Committee's report it appears that, since the abolition of the Residency, the mint had been left without the superintendence of a European official, and that the same species of gold, silver, and copper coins continued to be struck as at the time when Mr. Barlow reported on the mint (p. 54). In recommending a continuation of the mint, the Committee stated that "a connexion has always subsisted between the mint and the manufacturers of gold and silver wire and thread, and the weavers of rich cloths and embroideries made at Benares, on which the prosperity of the trade in these articles appears so much to depend that, in the event of the abolition of the mint, the manufacturers might require some similar establishment to supply its place." In reviewing the report of the Committee, the Governor-General did not think it advisable either to abolish the mint, or to alter the mode in which the coinage had been hitherto conducted, but ordered that the Agent of the Governor-General, the Magistrate of the city, and the Collector of the Province of Benares be constituted a permanent Committee for the superintendence and control of the mint.

1802. In 1802 letters were received from Madras and Bombay, from which it appeared very necessary that a **Bombay, Madras.** general reform of their coinage should be carried out, and greater uniformity introduced, so as to relieve the public and individuals from the inconvenience arising from so great a variety of coins, and from so frequent fluctuations in their values. The following plan of a new coinage was submitted by the Calcutta Mint:—

I. That the gold and silver coins of Madras, Bombay, and the Ceded Districts, be of the same standard and weight;

II. That the gold mohar (gold rupee) weigh 180 grains troy, and contain 168 grains of gold and 12 grains of alloy:—

III. That the silver rupee weigh 186 grains troy, and contain 173 grains of silver and 13 grains of alloy;

IV. That fourteen rupees be equal to, and pass for the gold mohur.

V. That the mohar and rupee of Bombay be divided into halves, quarters, and eighths (which last could be milled and stamped without trouble);

VI. That the Madras quarter mohar pass for 42 silver fánams, and the Madras rupee for 12 fánams.

In this proposed coinage the quarter gold mohar was of the same intrinsic value as the Madras star pagoda, but the rupee was nearly 4 per cent. better than the Madras Arkát rupee. The proposed new rupee was more than 5 per cent better than the Bombay rupee, which had been adopted from the Surat Mint.

In a letter dated July, 1803, stating that the Governor-General had it in contemplation to establish a coinage of the same weight and standard throughout the provinces ceded to the Company by the Nawáb Vizier, it was announced that a Committee had been appointed for the superintendence of the mints established at Baraili and Alláhábád, which were to report to Government their suggestions for the improvement of the coinage in the ceded provinces. I have not been able to ascertain how long the coinage of the Alláhábád mint continued, but reference is made in December, 1805, to "base coin issued from the mint at Alláhábád a short time previously to the coinage at that place."

1803. In May, 1803, the Collector of Gorakhpur stated that
Baraili, Alláhábád. "it is the opinion of some sensible shroffs that, in the course of the ensuing year, it may be advisable to establish a mint at the town of Gorakhpur. In this case it is my opinion that the Lucknow sikka rupee of the 28th san should be gradually introduced as the standard currency of Gorakhpur. On the other hand, the shroffs would greatly prefer the Gorakhpur rupee because of the advantages always derived from the fluctuation of batta on rupees of different standards."

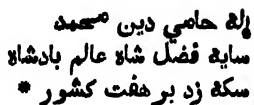
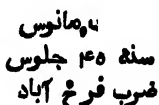
Gorakhpur. By Regulation XLV, 1803, it was enacted that:—

Farrukhábád. (Sect. II.) A silver coin, to be denominated the Lucknow sikka rupee of the 45th san, struck in the mint of Farrukhábád, corresponding in weight and standard with the sikka rupee at present struck at Lucknow, in the dominions of the Nawáb Vizier, and thence denominated the Lucknow rupee, is hereby declared to be the established and legal silver coin in the provinces ceded by the Nawáb Vizier to the English East India Company.

(Sect. IV.) A mint shall be established at, or in the immediate vicinity of Farrukhábád, in which Lucknow rupees of the 45th san, and of the prescribed weight and standard, and half and quarter rupees of the same standard and proportionate weight, will be coined.

(Sect. V.) The Lucknow 45th san sikka rupee, as established by this regulation, shall be of the same size and form as the 19th san

sikka rupee struck in the mint at Calcutta, and shall bear the following impression:—

<i>Obverse.</i>	<i>Reverse.</i>
<p>  </p>	<p>  </p>

(Sect. VI.) The half and quarter rupee shall be proportionately less than the rupee, and bear the same impression as the rupee.

(Sect. XII.) The Mint Master at Calcutta shall cause a private mark to be put on all dies which may be prepared for the mint at Farrukhábád, but in such a manner as not to be distinguished by the naked eye, or by persons unacquainted with it.

1804. In 1804 the Commissioner of Cuttack pointed out that great inconvenience was experienced in the Province of Cuttack from the want of a current coin of small value, especially for the use of the troops, and pilgrims resorting to the temple of Jagannáth, and proposed that the coin should bear on one face the figure of Jagannáth, and on the other the value of the coin in Persian and Uriya, and the date. This coin was never struck.

In this year the Assay Master of the Benares mint expressed a wish that "a coining, milling, and laminating machine may be sent up to Benares to enable me to ascertain by experiments what advantage there might be in introducing the mode at present used in Calcutta, or in continuing the native method of coining with the hammer only, though the whole figure of the die is not impressed on the rupees that are made in any of the native mints. The Riwá rupees, though of inferior value, have to an inexperienced person very much the aspect of Benares rupees, and are sometimes passed as such."

The Mint Committees in the Ceded Provinces (Barailí and Alláhábád) were called on, in 1804, to report their views as to the introduction of a new copper coinage. The Alláhábád Committee recommended that a new copper coinage should be issued, bearing the same impression as the Lucknow rupees struck at Alláhábád. "There are," the Committee stated, "two kinds of copper coinage in currency.

* The above is quoted from the text of the Regulation. Mr. Rodgers (J. A. S. B., Vol. LVII, Part I for 1888) gives a slightly different version. Ed.

The average exchange of the first is two to an anna, and of the second four to an anna. We recommend that, for the present, the new coinage be limited to the first sort."

In their report the Baraili Committee gave the following details

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concerning the history of the copper coinage at that mint. "At Baraili no copper coinage was known until about sixteen years ago, when it was introduced by Mahdí 'Alí Khán, the ámil, who coined pice called shamsher sháhi from their having the figure of a sword stamped upon them. They were generally coined out of old pice or copper utensils. This coinage continued two years, after which the same ámil substituted another species of pice called machhlidárs from their having the figure of a fish stamped upon them. A few years after an improved coinage was introduced by the then ámil of Rohilkhand, whose pice were termed kaṭár from their being stamped with a dagger. After that, when Mahdí 'Alí Khán became ámil for the second time in 1205 (1790), though the name and appearance remained the same, the weight was reduced from 18 10 17 and even 16 máshás. In this diminished state the coinage of the kaṭár sháhis continued until the cession of the provinces to the Company in November, 1801. They are still current in the southern and eastern parts of Rohilkhand, but never obtained circulation equal to that of the najib khánís, which are current at Rámpur."

The opinion expressed by the Committee was that there were no special circumstances of a local nature which urgently demanded the introduction of a copper coinage, but that it appeared advisable, on general principles, to introduce a sort of pice which would be intrinsically valuable from its purity, and difficult of imitation, and which should bear the same proportion to the local silver currency which the pice in the Lower Provinces bore to the Calcutta sikka rupees.

It appears from a report by Mr. Seton that the system of farming the Baraili mint was abolished in 1802. No alteration was introduced into the standard of the rupee, except that, to mark the period at which the change of system took place, the Persian letter چ (the first letter of the late Subah Hussain 'Alí Khán) was discontinued, and و (W) substituted in compliment to the Lieutenant-Governor.

1805. In February 1805, the authorities of the Farrukhabád mint

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recommended the coinage of milled in place of hammered money as a measure tending to correct several existing abuses and imperfections. In July a letter from Government stated that "The Governor General in Council has determined on the immediate introduction of a new silver coin into

the provinces ceded by the Nawáb Vizier to the English East India Company, and into the conquered Provinces of the Nawáb and on the right bank of the river Jumna, including the Zillah of Bundelkhand, to be denominated the Lucknow sikka rupee of the 45th san, struck at Farrukhabád, corresponding in weight and standard with the sikka rupee at present struck at Lucknow in the dominions of the Nawáb Vizier; and has it in contemplation to establish a new copper coin in the provinces above-mentioned, of an uniform weight, to consist of puro copper."

1806. In 1806 the Mint Master, at Benares, in a report on the copper currency of the Benares Province, stated that "there is no regulation for the weight, size, or impression of pice that can be the least check on any person making them privately without fear of detection. A great part of the pice now in circulation have been made in Oudh, the Ríwá Rájá's country, and other places, and smuggled into circulation." He, accordingly, suggested for the consideration of Government a new copper coinage (of which specimens were forwarded) to consist of:—

VALUE.	Number to the rupee.	Weight: Grains troy.	Diameter, Inches.
Double Pice. ...	32	240	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Single „ ...	64	120	1
Half „ ...	128	60	$\frac{3}{4}$
Quarter „ ...	256	30	$\frac{3}{16}$

"If," the Mint Master wrote, "the machinery of the Calcutta mint could be used in laminating the derabs, it would greatly reduce the expense of making the pice, but I would by no means advise the impression being stamped in Calcutta, as the prejudices of the Natives in Benares should be conceded to."

In a letter dated 10th December, 1806, the Governor General, in forwarding a letter from the Court of Directors concerning a plan for one general coinage for the Company's possession, expressed his opinion that the coins should be struck in the name of the king of Delhi, and not of the Company with their arms, as proposed by the Court. In the letter referred to, of which the following is a *précis*, the Court of Directors wrote as

follows:—"We think the Earl of Liverpool* has established the principle that "the money of coin which is to be the principal measure of property, ought to be of one metal only." In applying the argument to a coin for general use in India, there cannot be any doubt, in our opinion, that such coinage must be of silver. The standard weight of the silver coins issued from the mints of our several Presidencies we find to be as follows:—

Calcutta sikka rupee.	Troy grs.	...	179½.
Madras Arcot	" " "	...	176½.
Bombay	" " "	...	179.

"We think it would answer a good purpose to fix the gross weight in whole numbers, and should prefer the weight of 180 grs. troy. The British standard for gold coin is $\frac{1}{12}$ alloy and $\frac{11}{12}$ fine. There is no doubt that $\frac{1}{12}$ alloy of copper would be equally proper for silver coin, and we are of opinion that this proportion should be adopted, in which case the new rupees would have 165 grains of fine silver and 15 grains of alloy. Should the new rupee be ultimately adopted, there may be coined also:—

Half rupee weighing troy grs.	...	90.
Quarter "	" " "	45.
Anna	" " "	11½.

"A copper coinage should also be determined on for general circulation, and it is our opinion that it should consist of 6 pice or half anna, 3 pice or quarter anna, and 1 pice pieces.

"We are desirous of establishing a gold coin on a principle fitted for general use. This coin should, in our opinion, be called a gold rupee, and be made of the same standard as the silver rupee, *viz.*, 180 grains gross weight and 165 grains fine, and be divided into halves and quarters. The quarter gold rupee appears well fitted to supply the place of the Madras star pagoda in the payment of the Madras army.

"We have thought the adoption of a new coinage for British India a fit opportunity for giving a new impression to our currency, and the most appropriate, in our esteem, is the Company's arms with an inscription "English East India Company," as also the denomination and value of the coin with the year of coinage, and for the reverse a Persian inscription expressing the English one on the obverse with the date of coinage and value and denomination of the coin. If the smaller gold and silver coins (perhaps all below the half rupee) do not present surface sufficient for a clear impression, it would be proper to substitute for the Company's arms the Company's crest, the inscriptions to remain alike in all."

* Letter to the King on the coins of the realm.

1807. A letter from the Mint Master at Farrukhábád dated 24th October, 1807, asking for new milling dies for Farrukhábád.

rupees, and states that the mint had not yet been furnished with dies for the half and quarter rupees, the expediency of introducing which had been suggested by the Mint Committee.

In this year, and early in 1808, proclamations were issued by the Government of Madras respecting a new Madras coinage for the Madras Presidency, of which the following is a *résumé*.

A SILVER COINAGE.

"All the silver coins of the Presidency coined at the Madras mint shall be coined direct from dollars when imported, and be of dollar fineness.

"The double rupee will contain double the quantity, the half rupee half the quantity, and the quarter rupee a quarter of the pure silver which the rupee contains.

"There are also coined and issued the following small coins:—
Five fanams, on which is inscribed their denomination in English, Persian, Gentoo (Telugu), and Malabar (Malayálam).

Three*	"	"	"	"	"
Two	"	"	"	"	"
Single	"	"	"	"	"

B. COPPER COINAGE.

"The Governor General in Council has been pleased to issue a new coinage of the following numbers, values, etc.

Double Dubs.	...	24	to the rupee.
Single "	...	48	" " "
Half "	...	96	" " "
Quarter "	...	192	" " "

"In case the above coins are issued at the Presidency, etc., they are to measure with the star pagodas:—

84 double dubs to one pagoda.

168 single " " " "

336 half " " " "

672 quarter " " " "

"There are also issued the following coins with their denomination inscribed on them in English, Persian, Gentoo, and Malabar:—40 cash, 20 cash, 10 cash, 5 cash."

* The five fanam pieces are now very scarce. Double and single fanams are fairly common. The three fanam pieces I have never seen, and have met with no other reference to them. I am inclined to think that the mention of them is a mistake.

In this Proclamation, which is dated 22nd August, 1807, it is stated that "the Governor in Council has also deemed it expedient to issue a silver coinage of half and quarter pagodas of dollar fineness."

This Proclamation was repeated on 28th November, 1807, with the addition of a 2½ cash piece as being "also issued."

C. GOLD COINAGE.

"The Governor in Council, having deemed it necessary to establish a new gold currency, has resolved to coin a gold pagoda of 22 carats fine, and a double pagoda of the same fineness, with English, Persian, Gentoo, and Malabar inscriptions."

In August, 1807, the mint master at Benares received a letter from Calcutta respecting a new copper coinage for the province of Benares, which was to be prepared in the Calcutta mint. This coinage should, it was thought, consist of:—

			Number to a	Calcutta sikka
			rupee.	weight.
Double pice	...	...	... 32	1-1-6
Single "	...	...	... 64	0-8-9
Half "	...	...	... 128	0-4-4½

1809. By Regulation X, 1809, the Calcutta mint was directed to coin pice for the province of Benares, valued at 64 per rupee.

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1810. In a letter dated 11th September, 1810, reference is made to "London made copper coins at Fort St.

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George, of which there is stated to be 80,000 pagodas in store, and which cannot be brought into circulation at that Presidency. We are of opinion that the 20 cash pieces might be circulated here at the value of one and a half of the Bengal pice, and that, in the present scarcity of copper, it would be advisable to send the whole of them to Bengal.

1811. A letter dated 16th September, 1811, states that "Government having been pleased to determine that

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no change shall be made in the local currency of the province of Benares, but that it shall be recognised as the legal currency of that portion of the Company's territories, we entirely concur as to the expediency of placing the mint of that province under the immediate control of the Supreme Government, and of assimilating it in every respect to the mints of Calcutta and Farrukhabád, by which means the coin which may hereafter be struck in the Benares mint will be much improved in point of fabrication and appearance.

The same letter states that "the quantity of gold which has been coined in the Benares mint since 1782 only amounted to 121,949 mohars or about 1,768,260 rupees, whilst, during the same period, the silver coinage has amounted to rupees 51,631,000, and it is accordingly proposed by the Board of Commissioners that the Benares mint shall not be open for the coinage of gold bullion in future."

A Regulation for the future management of the Benares mint, (the date* of which is not given in the records),
Benares. has, among its clauses, the following:—

Preamble. Whereas it has been deemed advisable to continue the mint at Benares, and to assimilate the internal management of it to the rules already in force in the Mints of Calcutta and Farrukhábád, the following rules have been enacted to be in force from their promulgation:—

I. The silver coin now current in the Benares province under the denomination of the machhlídár rupee, commonly called the Benares rupee, shall continue to be the established coin of the province, and shall be received as such in all public and private transactions.

II. The Benares rupee is to continue of the following weight, and half and quarter rupees are to be coined of the same standard and proportionate weight:—

Troy grains	...	...	... 175
Pure silver	...	...	... 168·875
Alloy ...	...	...	... 6·125

III. The Benares rupee shall hereafter be struck of the same size and form as the 19th san rupee struck in the mint of Calcutta, and shall bear the same impression as is now in use;

IV. The half and quarter rupee shall be proportionately less than the rupee, and shall have the same impression as the rupee;

V. The edges shall be milled, and the dies (to be cut in the Calcutta mint) shall be made of the same size as the coin, so that the whole impression may appear;

VI. The mint master at Calcutta shall cause a private mark to be put upon all the dies which may be prepared for the Benares mint.

1812. In 1812 the Lieutenant-Governor of Java asked that a supply of copper coinage might be sent from
Java. Bengal to Batavia, as the want of a small currency was felt throughout the colony. The coinage, it was suggested, should consist of 165 coins to one Dutch pound weight, and the device be either the figure of a buffalo or elephant, and on the reverse, JAVA and the date.

* It was probably 1810, as it refers to "From and after the first day of 1811"

In April, 1812, the Madras mint Committee recommended that, in conformity with the orders of the Court of directors, the coinage of half and quarter pagodas and of pie, two, and single fánams be discontinued, and that the coinage of rupees, half, quarter, and eighth rupees be commenced; and that the half and quarter pagodas and five fánam pieces be re-coined into rupees as fast as possible, leaving the double and single fánams to remain in circulation until the fractions of the rupee were fully established.

1813. In 1813 it was pointed out that, since the "tirsoolee pisa" was originally established as the copper currency of Benares, no measures had been adopted to renew it, and the inscription had, by process of time, become more or less indistinct, and the shroffs had reduced the value of pice in which the trisúl was defective by reducing it 11 per cent. in current value for no other reason than the defectiveness of the trisúl."

By a Resolution dated 7th August, 1813, the Governor-General, anticipating great convenience and advantage from the establishment of an uniform coinage throughout the ceded and conquered provinces, including the districts dependent on Delhi, resolved that the coinage to be carried on henceforth at the Delhi mint be confined to new Farrukhábád rupees of the weight and standard of the coin issued from the Farrukhábád mint, and bearing the same inscription. The Governor-General also expressed his opinion that there could be no objection to coining at the Delhi mint a limited number of rupees bearing the name and title of his present Majesty, Akbar Sháh, these rupees being only intended to be presented to His Majesty on the anniversary of his accession for the purpose of being distributed as complimentary presents.

In 1813 a Regulation for establishing a copper coinage in the Province of Benares was passed, among the clauses of which were the following:—

I. A copper coin weighing 100 grains troy, and consisting of pure copper, shall be established in the province of Benares (the coin to be fabricated at the Benares mint);

II. The form, size, and impression of the copper coin shall correspond with those prescribed by Sect. XII, Reg. II, 1803, for the Benares rupee, but the edges shall not be milled or have any mark or impression.

In November, 1813, the Court of Directors expressed their opinion that the coinage for the Bombay Presidency should be executed in the Calcutta mint, and

forwarded a number of coins as showing their views with respect to manner in which the coinage should be executed.

1816. In September, 1816, the Board of Commissioners, Farrukhábád, pointed out that for some time only a small quantity of silver had been brought to the mint by individuals for coinage, and suggested the expediency of employing the establishment in the coinage of copper-pice on account of Government. The following draft Resolution was submitted by the Commissioners :—

I. That Sect. XLIII, Reg. XLV, 1803, prescribing a specified weight for the copper pice to be struck at Farrukhábád be rescinded

II. That such copper coin be struck at Farrukhábád, weighing 200 grains troy for the whole, or double pice, and 100 grains troy for the half or single pice;

III. That such copper coin shall be issued from the mint at the rate of 32 whole and 64 half pice for each rupee.

In November, 1816, the Mauritius Government wrote to the Governor General that "this Colony is subject to considerable inconvenience and difficulties, especially since the great fire, from the want of a small money for the ordinary daily transactions of common life. It would, therefore, be most desirable to obtain from the mint of the Supreme Government a coinage for the use of this land. A decimal division of the Spanish Dollar, which coin is here equivalent to two sikka rupees, would be the most convenient money for accounts. The books of the merchants and traders being kept in livres, ten of which are in this Colony equal to the Spanish Dollar, it would be desirable that each of the silver coins should be marked ONE LIVRE."

By Regulation XXV, 1817, it was enacted that :—

Bengal.

I. The copper pice struck at the Calcutta mint shall be of pure copper, and of the weight of 100 grains troy;

II. The inscription shall be on one side "one pie sikka" in Bangáli, Persian, and Nágarí, and the date on the obverse.

III. That the pice shall be issued from the mint and public treasuries at the rate of 64 to 1 sikka rupee...., and be legal tender at the rate of 64 to a rupee of the local currency throughout the provinces subject to the Presidency of Fort William.

IV. The pice struck at the mints of Benares and Farrukhábád, agreeably to the provisions of Regulation X, 1809, Reg. VII, 1814, and Reg. XXI, 1816, shall be also considered as circulating equally

Benares.

Farrukhábád.

with the pice of Calcutta coinage throughout the above-mentioned provinces, and shall in like manner, be received as legal tender in payment of the fractional parts of a rupee of the local currency at the rate of 64 pice for each rupee.

Farrukhábád.

By Regulation XXVI, 1817, it was enacted that:—

I. Whereas it may from time to time be found expedient to coin rupees of the weight and standard of the Farrukhábád rupee at the mints of Calcutta or Benares, it has seemed advisable to rescind so much of section II of Reg. XLV, 1803, as tends to limit the coinage of Farrukhábád rupees to the mint of Farrukhábád, and to direct that the following enactment be henceforth in force:—

II. The silver coin denominated the Farrukhábád rupee, and of the weight and standard prescribed by section II of Reg. III, 1806, struck at the mints of Calcutta, Farrukhábád, or Benares, or at any other mint established by order of the Governor General in Council, is hereby declared to be the established and legal silver coin in the ceded and conquered provinces.

In 1817 the weight of the pice struck in the Calcutta mint was

Calcutta. fixed at 100 grains, and they bore the inscription “one pie sikka.”

1818. In June, 1818, the Vice-President in Council expressed his

Delhi. concurrence with the Resident at Delhi as to the inexpediency of maintaining the Delhi mint, and the Resident was accordingly directed to discontinue its operations, still causing, however, such a number of coins to be struck as might be necessary for the purpose of satisfying the feelings of the king.

In August, 1818, the Calcutta Mint Master submitted for the consi-

General. deration of Government specimen coins of the weight and standard of the proposed new cur-

rency, and stated that, as the difference in size and weight of the new coins might not be considered sufficient to enable all persons to at once distinguish them from the old ones, he had thought it expedient to affix such further distinctive marks as would be obvious to the most ordinary observer. The specimens, which were distinguished from the existing currency by a raised rim and perpendicular milling, were adopted as the pattern for the new coinage.

In 1818 the Calcutta Mint Committee stated that they were not aware of any objection to the inscription on the rupee undergoing an alteration, and that it would be more consistent with the dignity of the British Government of India to authorise its own currencies by its own

peculiar stamp and impression; and suggested that, if any alteration was made, no date should be inserted, as an arbitrary batta on coins of various issues would thus be obviated without having recourse to any fictitious inscription.

Benares, Farrukhábád. 1819. • By Regulation XI, 1819, it was enacted that :—

1. The coinage of the Bénares rupee shall be discontinued ;

II. The Farrukhábád rupee shall be considered the legal currency of the province of Benares ;

III. The Farrukhábád rupee shall be a legal tender in all the territories under the Bengal Government, with the exception of Bengal, Bihár, and Orissa, whether struck at the mints of Calcutta, Benares, or Farrukhábád, or any other mint that may be hereafter established within the aforesaid limits under the authority of the British Government ;

IV. The Farrukhábád rupee to be struck at any of the mints before mentioned, shall be of the value of the present Farrukhábád rupee, and of the standard of the present Calcutta rupee, viz. :

Weight	Troy grs.	...	...	180.234
Pure silver	"	...	...	165.215
Alloy	"	...	...	15.019

In addition to the substitution of the new Farrukhábád rupee, the Mint Committee recommended the temporary establishment of mints at Ajmere and Ságár, to convert the existing currencies into the new coin. The Ságár mint was at that time issuing rupees called "Saugor or Balashaie." The Government expressed their opinion that the recommendation of the Committee was judicious. I can find no further reference to the Ajmere mint in the records.

Bombay. 1821. The Bombay coinage consisted in 1821 of the following :—

				Troy grs.
Gold.	Mohar	...	...	180
"	Panchia (5 rupces)	...	...	60
"	Rupee	...	...	12
Silver.	Rupee	...	...	180
"	Half Rupee	...	...	90
"	Quarter "	...	...	45
"	Eighth "	...	...	22.5
Copper.	Anna	...	...	400
	Half Anna	...	...	200
	Quarter "	...	...	100
	Pice	...	...	33.33

In this year the Mauritius Government, being put to inconvenience by the use of paper money for the small change of the colony, asked that the Calcutta mint might coin for them small tokens to the value of 100,000 sikka rupees. The wish of the Mauritius Government was acceded to.

1824. In 1824 an application was made by the Resident at Singapore for a supply of small coins to be struck at the Calcutta mint for the use of that settlement. In the Resident's letter it is stated that the small money in circulation throughout the Malay countries consisted of copper Dutch duy and pice of Prince of Wales' island, the brass coin of China, and of silver Dutch 2, 6, and 9 silver (stiver?) pieces, and the guilder or florin commonly called by the natives the rupee. The most universally used coins were the duy and two stiver piece. The duy was the real money of the most remote and unfrequented parts of Sumatra and Borneo, and the two stiver piece was the true circulating medium of the Celebes, the Spanish dollar being only used in foreign commercial transactions. It was suggested that the duy and two silver piece should be struck with the same inscriptions, viz. the value in the English, Chinese, Malay and Bugies languages, and on the reverse the crest of the East India Company without the supporters, and with the date and motto of the Company beneath.

By Regulation II, 1824, it was decided that the Farrukhabád rupees, to be coined at the Sagar mint of 180 grains, 165 fine and 15 alloy, should be the legal currency of Sagar and territories on the Narmadá (Nerbudda).

A letter from the Bombay Mint Committee, dated 27th September, 1824, refers to a communication received from the Supreme Government, desiring that immediate steps be taken for the coinage of a new rupee of the Madras standard, and asking for their opinion on the measures to be adopted for a general reform of the currency. The Committee suggested, with reference to the first point, that a proclamation should be issued, announcing the alteration of the standard, and declaring the new rupee current at par with the old. They also recommended the division of the anna into sixteen instead of twelve pice, so that the copper currency would consist of:—

					Troy grs.
Anna	...	...	.	...	400
Half Anna	...	...	...	...	200
Quarter "	...	...	.	...	200
Double Pice	...	...	...	...	50
Single "	...	...	...	...	25

A draft proclamation was submitted by the Committee, announcing the alteration of the mint standard, the sanction of which by the Supreme Government is not recorded in the Records.

1825. In 1825 various suggestions for a change of impression on the currency were made, and the following

General.

extract is from an able report by Lieutenant Forbes, who was superintending the construction of the new Calcutta mint, and who, before proceeding to England in 1820, had been instructed by the Bengal Government to bring the subject of the device for the coin to the notice of the Court of Directors.

"It is observed," Lieutenant Forbes wrote, "that the impression chosen by the king of Oudh for his new currency shows that in reality no prejudice exists against the representation of animals on coins. The common practice of putting Coats-of-Arms on coins having led to the adoption of those of the Hon. Company as a device for some of their copper coins executed in England, the propriety of employing them on the money to be struck for the general circulation of India came first to be considered. From the minuteness of the scale to which they must be reduced on a coin, it was found that the Royal Arms situated in the upper left quarter of the Company's shield became undecipherable, and that, as its plain was otherwise blank, the total effect of the piece was feeble and unmeaning. With the intention of enriching the design, two large lions (the supporters), and a little one (the crest), were introduced. The portion of surface occupied by such a number of animals in the rampant and strange attitudes adopted in heraldry, now left so little space for the shield that the Royal Arms, diminished to a peg, became utterly undistinguishable. The unanimous opinion of artists that such a device would appear inelegant and barbarous was strikingly confirmed by the specimens produced on the money executed at Soho for transmission to Penang and the islands to the eastward. Although some of the dies were engraved by artists of considerable talent, no effort of skill or ingenuity could prevent the little odd lion of the crest from being mistaken for a monkey, nor obviate the misapprehension of common observers in conceiving the figures used as supporters to be ill-designed cats. A praiseworthy attempt to correct such serious defects by the introduction of lions modelled from life brought the question of the Arms to its final issue. It then appeared that the animals with which heraldry is conversant under the denomination of lions are not "real lions," and that correct similitudes of the animal himself, placed in the splay-footed position, required as supporters, had a ludicrous effect.

"I was induced to propose the simple emblem of the Company, a

a solitary lion, as a devise for the Indian coins. As an appropriate type of sovereignty, and as an emblem known and respected wherever British rule has been extended, I suggested that the ease, dignity, and strength which he so nobly personified on some of the coins of ancient Greece would be still more consistent and characteristic when applied to India. Moreover, I suggested that he might be completely localised by the ever-flourishing Palm, an Asiatic though ancient tasteful emblem of perpetuity.

“I have to solicit the attention of the Committee to a model of this devise executed after a drawing by Flaxman.”

It was agreed that this device was well adapted for one face of the new coin, and suggested that either the head of the King (George IV), or the designation of the coin within a wreath, should be placed on the other face.

1826. In 1826 the Collector of Delhi expressed his opinion that a proposal to establish a mint for copper coinage at Delhi would be productive of good to the people, and a check to the impositions practised by the shroffs, whose source of livelihood consisted in the exaction of discount on the various current copper coins.

Calcutta.

1823–27. A volume of the records, 1823–27, is devoted to details connected with the construction of the new Calcutta mint.

In a report on the regulations for the conduct of the coinage subsequently to its transfer to the new Calcutta mint it is recorded that:—

I. It was the intention of the Hon. Court that the scale of the new mint machinery and establishment should be such as would permanently enable it to supply two-thirds of the coin required for the circulation of India;

II. It was their design that the remaining third should be supplied by similar apparatus of half the power to be sent to Bombay;

III. The new Calcutta mint would immediately or eventually have to perform the work of the Calcutta mint, and of the mints of Benares, Farrukhabád, and Sággar;

IV. The Hon. Court held in view that the Calcutta and Bombay mints would, at any period found convenient, afford the means of equalising the coins, and of rendering uniform the coinages of India.

1827. In a letter dated 28th August, 1827, the Mint Master of the “new mint,” Bombay, expressed his opinion that the Bombay division into rupees, quarters, and reas was preferable to the rupees, annas, and pie of the other side of India, and that the division of the gold mohur into fifteen parts was decidedly superior to the Calcutta division into sixteen.

Bombay.

1829. In 1829 it was suggested that the new Calcutta mint might be usefully employed in coining spelter money, which would be very useful to the poorer classes as a substitute for cowries, and which might be called the quarter or páo pice.

Delhi. The question of the re-establishment of the Delhi mint for the coinage of pice only was re-opened.

1830. In a letter dated 2nd February, 1830, the Calcutta Mint Committee was informed that the Governor General authorised the discontinuance of the establishment of the Benares mint, and the disposal of the machinery, apparatus, and other property of that mint.

Benares. In May, 1830, a letter was submitted by the Calcutta Mint Committee on the subject of the impression of the new coinage, and reiterating their opinion that the British Indian currencies should bear impressions characterising the authority by which they were issued either in the form of a head, emblem, or coat-of-arms. The Committee, in the same letter, expressed their opinion that, until this question was settled by the Court of Directors, the Bombay coinage should continue to bear the same impression as it did at present. In a further letter, submitting specimens of two Franc pieces, the Committee stated that the French milling could not be advantageously introduced with the existing milling machinery, and recommending that a plain milling should be adopted.

General. In August, 1830, the Calcutta Mint Committee submitted specimens of copper pice with a request that Government would sanction their coinage, as they seemed to be preferable to those in circulation at that time.

Calcutta. In December of the same year the Calcutta Mint Master suggested that a copper coinage might with advantage be carried out at the new mint for the Madras Presidency and the settlements to the eastward (Singapore, etc.) in which latter the demand for copper coin was at that time very urgent.

Ságar. 1831. A letter dated 11th January, 1831, stated that it had been resolved to abolish the mint at Ságar.

By an order dated 25th February, 1831, it was notified that "an alteration in the Calcutta sikka and Farrukhabád rupees was authorised by the Governor General in Council under date 13th July last, and that these currencies will in future be struck at the Calcutta mint with a plain flat milling only."

In August, 1831, the Calcutta Mint Committee submitted the following draft of a Regulation for legalising the circulation of the sub-divisions in the copper currency authorised to be coined by Government:—

Bengal.

I. That, besides the copper pice now current, which shall remain unchanged, there shall be coined a copper half-anna piece, and a copper pie or twelfth of an anna;

II. The copper half anna pie shall weigh twice the weight of the present pice, or 200 grains troy, and shall bear on one face the legend "Half anna" in Persian, and Nagári, and on the other the same in English and Bangálí. The exchangeable value of the coin shall be two for one anna, or one for two pice;

III. The twelfth of an anna piece on one pie shall weigh troy grains 33·333, and shall bear on one face the legend "One pái" in Persian and Nagári, and the same on the other in English and Bangálí. The exchangeable value of the coin shall be twelve for one anna or three for one pice.

IV. These coins shall be current at the above rates in all the provinces under the Bengal Presidency.

1833. In a letter from the Assay Master of the Calcutta mint (Mr. Prinsep) in April, 1833, some general information is given with reference to rupee coinage. "It has ever," he says, "been the expressed desire of the Hon. Court of Directors to equalise the coin of the whole of the Indian possessions both in weight and standard. In this they have but followed the laudable practice of the Muhammadan Governments of India, which, while they arrogated to themselves the prerogative of coining, appear to have maintained with care and good faith the weight and purity of the circulating medium until the Empire was distracted with internal commotions, and the Viceroys of the Crown and tributary states assumed to themselves the control of the various mints, reserving a mere nominal subjection to the sovereign in the legend impressed upon their coin.

"The silver rupee was introduced, according to Abúl-fazl, by Sher Sháh, who usurped the throne of Delhi from Humáyún in 1542. It had a weight of $11\frac{1}{4}$ máshás, which, at the rate of $15\frac{1}{2}$ grains per máshá, is equal to 174·4 grains of pure silver. This standard was adopted by Akbar, and accordingly we find coins of his reign weighing from 170 to 174 grains.

"The Murshidábád rupee was adopted for the coinage of the Company's súbah of Bengal, and has accordingly remained unchanged as the present sikka rupee.

"The Súrát rupee was also adopted as the currency of the Bombay Presidency under the treaty with the Nawáb of Súrát, who retained the privilege of coining; but in 1800 its pure contents were found to have sunk to 164·79 grains, when, to prevent further depreciation, the Government assumed charge of the mint, and the rupee was then fixed at the later valuation of 164·7 grains pure.

"The Delhi rupee struck at the Fátthagarh miht by the Vizier of Oudh, in like manner, gradually diminished to 165·2 grains pure, when, by cession of the Duáb to the English, it was there arrested, and by a Regulation of 1806, was assumed as the standard currency of the Western Provinces. It was afterwards introduced into the Benares Provinces, where, (that mint having come earlier into our possession), the depreciation of the rupee has not reached the same extent: pure contents 169·2.

"The Arcot rupee in 1788, according to the assay tables, still retained 170 grains of pure silver. When adopted, however, as the standard rupee of the Madras Presidency, it had fallen to 165 grains, and there of course it has since remained.

"The alteration of the standard to $\frac{1}{12}$ of alloy in 1818 did not affect the proportion of pure metal, but the facility of equalising the three coins (Bombay, Madras, Farrukhábád) had been observed both in England and India; and, when the Ságar mint was established in 1825, it was ordered to coin new Farrukhábád rupees of 180 grains weight, the same as the standard of Madras, or containing 165 grains pure. The Bombay mint was ordered to assimilate its coin to the same in 1829. The Benares rupee alone continued to coin Farrukhábáds of 180·234 grains until its abolition in 1829; and the Calcutta mint has since coined them of the same weight, although a good opportunity was afforded by the promulgation of the new system in Bombay to have effected a simultancous reform here."

In the letter under notice Mr. Prinsep recommended (and Government saw the expediency of adopting the recommendation)¹ that:—

I. The weight of the Farrukhábád rupee struck at the Calcutta mint be 180 grains troy instead of 180·234 grains; and that the weight of the Calcutta sikka rupee be 192 grains instead of 191·916, corresponding alterations being made in the half and quarter rupee.

II. The sikka weight (contra-distinguished to the sikka rupee) be equalised with the weight of the Farrukhábád rupee.

In October, 1833, Mr. Prinsep recommended that the armorial bearings impressed on both the Bombay and Madras copper coins, should be immediately
Calcutta.

¹ Reg. VII, 1893. See Thurston, *op. cit.*

adopted at Calcutta and that on the reverse should be the value in English, Nágari, and Persian, enclosed in a wreath. "The determination of this point," Mr. Prinsep said, "is the more urgent as it is now in contemplation to issue a large copper coin to replace the tirsoolce pice."

1834. In April, 1834, the following recommendations were submitted for the consideration of Government:—

General.

I. That there should be a common device for the coins of the three Presidencies;

II. That this should differ of the three metals, so as to fully distinguish them from one another, and prevent fraud and imposition by gilding or silvering;

III. That the device should be pictorial and essentially English, as, among other reasons, the adoption of such a device would entitle the Government to claim from the Colonial Governments of the Crown a recognition of the coin of India as a national money entitled to circulate at its intrinsic value in all the possessions of the Crown. The rupee in its present form is not so considered beyond the limits of the Company's authority.

IV. That the gold mohar of Bengal should in future be equalised with that of Bombay and Madras;

V. That the coinage of the sikka rupee should be discontinued from the commencement of the new Charter, so as to prevent all confusion from the two coins being permitted to circulate together.

A specimen coin, executed by a native named Kásínáth, was submitted with the letter. The obverse bore a facsimile of the king's head on the English Sovereign, and the legend GULIELMUS, III. D. G. BRITANNIARUM, REX. F. D., and the reverse a laurel wreath with ONE RUPEE. 1834. in the centre, and the same in Persian, Bangáli, and Nágari on the margin. This device, with the substitution of MOHUR, was recommended for the gold coinage. Mr. Prinsep had already suggested that the copper coins should bear on the obverse the Company's Arms, and on the reverse a wreath with the designation of the coins in lieu of the word "adil" of Bombay or "ek falús panch kás ast" of Madras. The recommendations of the Committee were referred to the Court of Directors.

Various designs for the new coinage by Mr. Prinsep were also submitted, viz:—

- I. Britannia from the English penny;
- II. A lion from an ancient Greek coin;
- III. An elephant (from the Ceylon coin);
- IV. A ship;

V. A British senator, between a Hindu and Mahomedan, presenting the charter ;

VI. An emblematical figure of Justice and Plenty ;

VII. Typical figures of Britannia and India ;

VIII. The Pipal tree (*Ficus Indica*), from the seal of the Royal Asiatic Society of London.

1835. Early in 1835 engravings were prepared of the head of the king with the simple legend WILLIAM, III.

General. KING, instead of the titles in Latin, and an impression in pure gold of the King's head with the lion as the reverse (proposed as a double mohur) was submitted.

In April, 1835, the Calcutta Mint Committee was informed that the rupee having on one side the inscription EAST INDIA COMPANY, with the nominal value of the coin in English, Persian, and Nágarí, and the representation of a lotus flower and myrtle wreath had been approved by the Governor General as the model for the future coinage of the rupee. The Committee were requested to communicate with the Madras, Bombay, and Ságar mints with the view of effecting a change in the rupee currency throughout British India with all convenient expedition. In a subsequent letter, however, it was resolved that on the obverse of the new silver coinage the title of the king should be simply WILLIAM, III. KING, and that on the reverse should be engraved the denomination of value in English and Persian only.

In June, 1835, it was resolved by the Governor General to abolish the Madras mint in conformity to the orders of the Court of Directors, and the Madras Government was desired to forward to Calcutta or Bombay such parts of the mint machinery as, if publicly sold, might be employed in fabricating coins.

Madras. In September of the same year, it was resolved that the Ságar mint should be abolished, as it was no longer considered necessary for supplying coin of the new legal currency with reference to the capability of the Calcutta and Bombay mints for the whole coinage of India.

Ságar. In October the Calcutta Mint Committee submitted specimens of a device which they thought suitable for the copper coinage of Bengal, *i. e.*, on the obverse the Company's Arms as on the piece of Bombay and Madras, and on the reverse the denomination of the coin in English and Persian enclosed in a wreath, and the title of the Hon'ble Company on the margin in correspondence with the device of the new rupee. This device was adopted.

Bengal.

A letter from the Government, dated 25th November 1835, states that "under the circumstances represented, **General.** from which it appears that it would lead to considerable further delay to prepare and execute a new device for the gold coin proposed to be issued (with the name of the coin in English within a wreath instead of the lion,) whereas the coinage of double mohurs can be immediately commenced if the die cut with the device according to the design of Flaxman be adopted, the Governor General has been induced to waive his objection to the representation of an animal upon the gold coin of India, and to approve the adoption of this device."

The details of the new coinage were finally laid down by Acts XVII and XXII 1835.

Græco-Roman Influence on the Civilization of Ancient India. Supplementary Note.—By VINCENT ARTHUR SMITH, M. R. A. S., *Indian Civil Service.*

Sir Alexander Cunningham has favoured me with communications which enable me to make certain corrections in and additions to my second paper on *Græco-Roman Influence on the Civilization of Ancient India*, published in the *Journal of this Society* for 1892¹.

Concerning the short record dated in the year 68, and numbered II. by M. Senart, I remarked (*page 56 of my paper*):—"It is not known to what object it was attached, but doubtless it was a sculpture of some sort." M. Senart's words are (*page 21 of his paper*):—"Le lieu d'origine de cette courte inscription ne m'est pas connu. Il est probable que, comme presque tous les monuments réunis au musée de Lahore, elle vient du pays des Yusufzais, sur la rive gauche du fleuve de Caboul, de Jamalgarhi, de Takht i Bahi, ou des environs.

Les caractères occupent une longueur de 97 centimètres; on peut en estimer à 3 centimètres et demi la hauteur moyenne. La hauteur de la pierre est de 10 centimètres. Ignorant jusqu'à sa provenance, nous n'avons bien entendu aucun renseignement sur l'objet qu'elle accompagnait primitivement."

Sir A. Cunningham, in a letter dated 17th June, 1892, clears up all doubts as to the place from which the inscription came, and proves that I was mistaken in guessing that it had been directly attached to a sculpture of some sort.

¹ See J. A. S. B. Vol. LXI, Part I for 1892, p. 60 Ed.

He writes:—"Regarding the inscription of S. 68 published by M. Senart, I can say that it was on a very large rough stone, which may have been inserted in a wall, but which could not have been the base of a statue. It was 5 feet 9 inches long, and from 3 feet to 1 foot 9 inches in breadth. The legend was on the edge. It weighed 12 maunds 7 seers [= 1008 lbs. avoirdupois, = 457 kilogrammes], when I got it, but I cut it down to 4 maunds 3 seers, before sending it to the Lahore Museum, where, as I conclude from your account, it is left unregistered as presented by General Cunningham—from Máji, 4 or 5 miles to the south of Fatehjang, ancient Chása, and to the south-west of Ráwal Pindi."¹

The inscription is certainly in the Lahore Museum, because M. Senart expressly states at the beginning of his essay that all the monuments described by him belong to that museum, and were communicated to him by the curator, Mr. L. Kipling.

Concerning the dated Hashtnagar inscription (*page 55 of my paper*) Sir A. Cunningham says that "The date may be either 274 or 284, but it cannot, I think, be referred to 78 A. D." I have already given up the suggestion to refer this date to the Saka era, and have assumed that the approximate date of the inscribed pedestal is A. D. 220 or 230. Sir A. Cunningham observes that the Panjtár inscription of a Gushán, or Kushán, Mahárāja, dated S. 122 is the latest "which can be referred to A. D. 78." If that record is rightly referred to the Saka era its date will be A. D. 200, which is not far from the approximate date obtained for the Hashtnagar inscription by using the era of Moga or Gondophares. I think it may now be safely assumed that the use of the Gandharian (Kharoshtri) character in Gándhára survived into the first half of the third century A. D. The disuse of this character in India proper does not imply its disuse in Gándhára. It is, no doubt, true that the Gandharian character is not used on the coins of Vasudeva, of whom we have an inscription in old Nágari characters dated S. 98, = A. D. 176, and that coins of Kanishka (KANHPKO) and Vasudeva (BAZOΔHO) which Sir A. Cunningham believes to be posthumous, bear legends in old Nágari. But I see no difficulty in believing that at the same time the Gandharian character had a limited local currency for some purposes within the region of Gándhára.

When quoting (*page 59*) Prof. Rhys Davids, as authority for identifying the "village" Kalasi in the "island" of Alasanda, where king Milinda (Menander) was born, with the *Karisi nagara*, or town of Karisi

¹ For a notice of Fatehjang, see Archæological Survey Reports, Vol. XIV, p. 24.

mentioned on a coin of Eukratides (*circa* B. C. 190), I was not aware that the identification had been made long before by Sir Alexander Cunningham, who published it in the *Numismatic Chronicle* for 1869, and again two years later in his 'Ancient Geography of India.'¹

Sir Alexander Cunningham is of opinion that in the passage quoted by me from Prof. Rhys Davids' translation of the 'Questions of King Milinda,'—"There is an island called Alasanda. It was there I was born,"—the word *dīpa* (Sanskrit *dvīpa*) should be translated 'region' or 'division of the world' rather than 'island.' He cites in support of this rendering the well known compound *Jambūdvīpa*, and takes *Alasandadīpa* to mean "the country of which Alasanda was the capital," Kalasi being "the same as Alasanda itself."

If, in the passage quoted, the word *dīpa* does not mean 'island', there is, apparently, no reason for supposing the Alexandria in question to have been on the Indus. Sir A. Cunningham places it, as will be seen from the passage to be quoted presently, at a village named Opīān or Hupīān, $27\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Kābul. Whatever be the true position of Alexandria or Alasanda, Prof. Rhys Davids' note at page 127 of the 'Questions of King Milinda' referring to "Alexandria (in Bactria) built on an island in the Indus," is not quite accurate. The Indus was never included within the limits of Bactria, though the banks of the river may at times have been included in the dominions of the Bactrian kings.

My quotation (*same page*) from Professor Percy Gardner was also unfortunate. He describes the legend on the rare coin of Eukratides, giving the name of the town of Karisi as being "the conjectured reading of General Cunningham." This remark is inaccurate. The only word at all doubtful in the reading of the legend on the coin referred to, was *devata*, and the reading of this word has lately, Sir A. Cunningham assures me, been definitely established by a second specimen of the coin. The reading of the name 'Karisi' on the coin was never doubtful.

In order to prevent any further misconception, and to show clearly Sir A. Cunningham's views concerning the probable situation of Alexandria, = Alasanda or Alasadda, = Kalasi, presumably identical with Karisi, I had better quote in full the relevant passage from the 'Ancient Geography of India,' page 28, which is as follows:—

"If I am right in identifying Begrām with the Kiu-lu-sa-pang of

¹ Prof. Rhys Davids informs me that he also was unaware that Sir A. Cunningham had made the identification previously, and will gladly take the opportunity of the impending publication of the second volume of the 'Milinda' to acquaint his readers with the fact.

the Chinese pilgrim, the true name of the place must have been *Karsana*, as written by Ptolemy, and not *Cartana*, as noted by Pliny. The same form of the name is also found on a rare coin of Eukratides, with the legend *Karisiye nagara*, or 'city of Karisi', which I have identified with the *Kalasi* of the Buddhist chronicles, as the birthplace of Raja Milindu. In another passage of the same chronicle,¹ Milindu is said to have been born at *Alasanda*, or Alexandria, the capital of the *Yona*, or Greek country. *Kalasi* must, therefore, have been either Alexandria itself, or some place close to it. The latter conclusion agrees exactly with the position of *Begrám*, which is only a few miles to the east of *Opián*. Originally two distinct places, like Delhi and *Sháh Jahánábád*, or London and Westminster, I suppose *Opián* and *Karsana* to have gradually approached each other as they increased in size, until at last they virtually became one large city. On the coins of the earlier Greek kings of Ariana,—Euthydemus, Demetrius, and Eukratides,—we find the monograms of both cities; but, after the time of Eukratides, that of *Opiana* disappears altogether, while that of *Karsana* is common to most of the later princes. The contemporary occurrence of these mint monograms proves that the two cities were existing at the same time; while the sudden disuse of the name of *Opián* may serve to show that, during the latter period of Greek occupation, the city of Alexandria had been temporarily supplanted by *Karsana*."

The Alexandria above referred to is the city founded by Alexander, and described by Pliny as "*Alexandria Opianes*"; situated "*sub ipso Cancaso*". The modern name of the site identified with it is said to be variously spelled *Opián*, *Ópiyán*, and (Malik) *Hupián*.

The *Maháwanso* calls *Alasanna* "the city, or capital, of the *Yona* country", *Yona naggarálasanna*. (*Turnour*, page 171). *Turnour* himself writes the name as *Alasadda*.

I have not specially studied the ancient geography of Ariana, and therefore abstain from pronouncing any personal opinion on the geographical questions raised in the preceding extracts.

¹ *Milindu-praṇa*, quoted by Hardy, in 'Manual of Buddhism', pp. 440, 516.

Uriyá Inscriptions of the 15th and 16th centuries.—By BĀBŪ MON MOHAN CHAKRAVARTI, M. A., B. L., Subordinate Executive Service of Bengal.

These inscriptions are 14 in number; 12 on the left and right side of the Jayavijaya door-way in the temple of Jagannátha at Purí, and 2 on the right side of the door-way in the temple of Mahádeva at Bhuvanésvara. They furnish important dates of Orissa history, and are the earliest known Uriyá writings found in Orissa.¹

The Jayavijaya door is that which leads into the Porch of the Jagannátha temple. The inscriptions are carved on the door-way. This door-way is of black polished *chlorite*. The left side inscriptions begin from a height of three feet, the right side ones from a height of one foot. They then take up about $\frac{1}{4}$ th of the remaining height. The lines run from west to east, and are nearly, but not always, straight.

The letters are Uriyá, and do not generally differ from the present types except in 𑌒 , 𑌓 and 𑌔 . They are $\frac{1}{4}'' \times \frac{1}{3}''$. The language is throughout Uriyá except at the end of the right side 5th inscription, where are quoted 4 stanzas of Sanskrit slokas. The orthography is often incorrect. The grammatical differences are small.

The inscriptions belong to four reigns, *viz.*,

(1) Kapileśvara Deva ..	...	...	5
(2) Purushottama Deva ..	...	...	4
(3) Pratáparudra Deva ...	...	...	2
(4) Mânagovinda Govinda Deva ..	...	...	1
			—
			12
			—

The above sequence denotes the natural order of the kings in their succession; Kapileśvara Deva being the founder of the Súrya-vaṁśa and Govinda Deva being the overthrower of that dynasty.

The inscriptions begin with an enumeration of the various titles of the inscribing king. It is curious to observe that these titles increase in number and pomposity, the later we come. All these titles are still used by the Rájá of Purí, and may be found on the title-pages of Uriyá almanacs.

¹ A transcript of these 12 inscriptions, and a translation of tenth, have been given by Dr. R. L. Mitra, in his *Antiquities of Orissa*, Vol. II, Appendix, pp. 165-167. My readings of the same and my translations differ considerably; hence this article.

Next come the dates. The phraseology of the dates is peculiar. Take No. 1 of left side:—

"Prabardhamāna bijé rājye samasta 3 anka Srahī Magāsir kru troyodasī Bhūmi bare" =

On Tuesday, the 13th (tithi) of Margasir dark half in the third anka of the prosperous victorious reign of —.

Samasta means here "during."

Srahī is a technical word, but has no particular meaning in the context.

The dates are of luni-solar months expressed in tithis of dark or bright half. The ankas are regnal years and something more. Certain figures are considered inauspicious and left out in counting. These figures are one, all numbers ending with zero (except 10), and ending with six. 1, 6, 16, 20, 26, 30, &c., should be left out of consideration in calculating the ankas. Hence 19th anka=16th year, 31st anka=25th year, and so forth.

To be of any practical use, the ankas and tithis require conversion into English calendar dates. Below are given the equivalent calendar dates arrived at in the following manner. From Madalā Pánji,* is found out the approximate year of the King's accession. Add the regnal year derived from the anka. The tithis are given as well as the week days. According to Professor Jacobi's Table (Part CCIX, Vol. XVII of the Indian Antiquary), the year in which the tithi in question fell on the stated week-day can then be easily found. Generally this year is within 20 years of the approximate year. These dates are next verified. The sources of verification are—

- (1) The dates of the other inscriptions ;
 - (2) The Muhammadan histories ;
 - (3) The biographies of Chaitanya ;
- (with respect to the reign of Pratāparudra Deva).

I. KAPILĒŚVARA DEVA.

Inscriptions.	Uriyá dates.	Equivalent calendar dates.
1. Left, No. 3 ...	4th anka dhanu new moon, Sunday	= 9th December, 1436 A. D. (O. S.)
2. Left, No. 4 ...	41st† anka dhanu sukla 7, Sunday	= 14th December, 1466 A. D. (O. S.)

* Madalā Pánji is the chronicle of the temple of Jagannátha. Hitherto it has been almost the only source for the history of Orissa in the Hindu period.

† A mistake for 39th.

3. Left, No. 5 ... 35th anka Meṣha Kṛishṇa
4, Wednesday = 25th April, 1464 A. D.
(O. S.)
4. Right, No. 2... 19th anka Mesha new
moon, Sunday = 12th April, 1450 A. D.
(O. S.)
5. Right, No. 3... 31st anka Kakrá sukla
12, Thursday = 12th July, 1459 A. D.
(O. S.)

II. PURUṢHOTTAMA DEVA.

1. Left, No. 1 ... 3rd anka Mārgasir
Kṛishṇa 13, bhau-
mibár = 20th Nov. 1470 A. D.
(O. S.)
2. Left, No. 2 ... } 2nd anka Mesha, sukla
3. Right, No. 1... } Thursday = 12th April, 1470 A. D.
(O. S.)
4. Right, No. 4... 19th anka Simha, sukla
8, Thursday = 18th August, 1485 A. D.
(O. S.)

III. PRATĀPARUDRA DEVA.

1. Left, No. 6 ... 4th anka kakrá, sukla 10
Wednesday = 17th July, 1499 A. D.
(O. S.)
2. Left, No. 7 ... 5th anka dhanu 3 (?)
Kru (?), Monday = ?

IV. GOVINDA DEVA.

1. Right, No. 5... 4th anka bichhá, sukla 3,
Tuesday = 7th Nov. 1542 A. D.
(O. S.)

INSCRIPTIONS IN THE TEMPLE OF JAGANNĀTHA.

Left side.

No. I.

Length 4'-6" × 10"—Lines 5.

- L. 1 वीरभी. गणपति गौड़ेवर गवकोटी कर्वाट कनकरकेवर प्रताप
औष्टबोत्तम
- 2 देव माहाराजाङ्ग प्रवर्द्धमान द्विजेराज्ये समस्त इन्द्र आही मगुलिर क

- 3 जयोदसि भुमिवारे श्री पुरषोत्तम कटके आहगां होइना दखिबदिगर
 4 दखोआलि ओहोर आम्हे माझगज्जु हाडिलु दयागोपचहरखहि हाडिबुँ
 5 एहा ये हरह से हरिना दोष पाह ।

Translation.

On Tuesday, the 13th (tithi) of Margasir dark half of the 3rd anka of the prosperous and victorious reign of the warrior, elephant-lord, king over Gauḍa and the ninety millions (subjects) of Karmāṭa and Kalabaraka (probably Kulbargā), of the powerful Purushottama Deva Mahārāja, while at camp Purushottama, (*i. e.*, Puri) it was ordered :—I remit the levying from the Brāhmins of the Chankidāri Tax (Daṇḍo-śāi Ohor) in the south ; I cease to resume the waste lands and the pastures ; he who takes, gets the sin in theft.

Left side.

No. II.

Length 4' - 8" × 1' - 9" — Lines 11.

- L. 1 वीर श्री गजपति गौडेस्वर नवकोटी कर्णाटकस्वरगेश्वर प्रताप श्री
 पुरषोत्तम देव माहाराजाश्च समस्त
 2 २ आही मेस सु १२ ग्ग्वारे श्रीपुरषोत्तम कटके विजे समय पुरषोत्तम
 देव माहाराजाश्च दव्
 3 दखिबदिगदखपाटे श्रीपुरषोत्तम जगन्नाथदेवश्च दयामाज देशमानर
 दखीबदिग अवदान सेवक
 4 श्चर देशमानर प्रमेश्वरश्च भोगदेशमान अवदान प्रमेश्वरकु नि (?)
 माझु (?) सेवकमानज्जु
 5 अवदान सेवकमानज्जु हाडिणि ए पुरषोत्तम देव माहाराजाश्च भोगज्जु
 अन्तरोधविषे माधोतिश याम
 6 धान भ ५०० कज्जो का २००० कामजपुर याम ए भोगज्जु होइना
 परव देदिअं माजना
 7 (7 letters illegible) महादेवश्च भोगज्जु दक्षीय
 8 दोग दखपाटे वाँआचास विसे गोप
 9 पुर याम दिनि ए अवदानमान ए भोग
 10 देश मे हरह से जगन्नाथज्जु मोह
 11 करह ।

Translation.

On Thursday the 12th (tithi) of Mesha bright half of 2nd (anka) of the warrior, the elephant-lord, the king over Gaṇḍa and the ninety millions in Kārṇāṭa and Kalabaraga, of the powerful Purushottama Deva Mahārāja while encamping at camp Puṛushottama, the (following) gifts of Purushottama Deva Mahārāja in Dakṣiṇadiga daṇḍapāṭa:—(1) for god Jagannātha of Purushottama, a gift of the old māla tracts in the south; (2nd) for the bhoga of the god a gift of lands out of the lands of the sevaks; (3rd) gifts to the priests engaged in sleeping (?) the god, (these) I leave to the sevaks. As offerings of Purushottama Deva Mahārāja (personally,) for bhoga, the village Mādhotila in Antarodha Bisi, paddy 500 bharans, cowries 2,000 kāhāns and the village Kāmalpur—these are for the bhoga. For the festivals, &c., of other gods, goddesses and the Mahādeva I bestow the village Gopapura in Bānchās Bisi of Dakṣiṇadiga Daṇḍapāṭa. These gifts, these lands, he who takes away, rebels against Jagannātha.

Note.

Purushottama Deva got on the throne after a civil war. In this inscription, he hastens to propitiate by gifts the gods and their priests. The gifts are of two sorts:—first he confirms the old grants; secondly he gives in addition three more villages. The phraseology is tautological and somewhat ambiguous. Dakṣiṇadiga Daṇḍapāṭa is the name of a Division (No. 14 of Sarkār Kāṭak. Abul Fazl). It is not now in existence. The bisis Antarodha and Bānchās still exist as pergunnahs. Gopapura is presumably the present Gope, where a thānā has been located. The other two villages cannot be traced.

Left side.

No. III.

Length 2'—0 × 7"—Lines 8.

- L. 1 वीर श्री प्रताप कपिलेश्वर देव माहाराजाङ्गर विजय राज्ये समस्त ०
 अङ्ग आदौ
 2 धनु अमावै सौरिवारे श्री पुरुषोत्तम कटके परमेश्वरङ्ग दर्शन समय
 महापात्र
 3 ककाइ सान्तरा महापात्र जजसरसेन नरेन्द्र महापात्र गोपीनाथ मंग
 राज महापात्र
 4 काशीविद्याधर महापात्र वेलेश्वर प्रहराज महापात्र जखन पुरोहित
 पटनाथक दामोदर महा

- 5 सेनापती थाह वरनेश्वरञ्च श्रीचरञ्च अग्रते भोग परिष्ठा पाच अभिलसा
मुद्रहस्तर मोच
6 रे वोइला मुदसे औ पुखबोत्तमदेवञ्च देउलहारे लेखन करिवा कामर
ओड़ीसा रा
7 अर कोय कउड़ी मुलकर न्याय्य हाड़िनि हाड़िनि हाड़िनि रहा राजा
होइ ने लङ्गह से औ
8 जगन्नाथ देवञ्च मोह करइ ।

Translation.

On Sunday the new moon in Dhanu of the 4th anka of the victorious reign of the warrior, the powerful Kapileśvara Deva Mahārāja, at camp Purushottama while paying respects to the god, in presence of Mahāpātra Kakāi Sántará, Mahāpātra Jalasara Sena Narendra, Mahāpātra Gopinātha Mangarāja, Mahāpātra Kāśi Vidyādhara, Mahāpātra Belaśvara Prabharāja, Mahāpātra Lakhan Purohita, Paṭanaik Dāmodara the generalissimo, before the feet of the God, and in the cognisance of Pātra Agni Sarmā, the examiner of Bhogas and the seal-bearer, spoke (the king):—Engraver, write on the door of the temple of the God Purushottama—the tax levied on salt and cowries I remit, remit, remit. Whoever being king, violates this, rebels against Lord Jagannātha.

Note.

This is the earliest inscription of the series. According to the Madalā Pánji, Kapileśvara Deva was an usurper, who from a minister became the king. He remits the taxes on salt and shells, apparently to popularise his reign. Of the eight officers named, Kāśi Vidyādhara and Jalasara Sena Narendra are mentioned in the Madalā Pánji to have been associates of the king in his youth.

Left side.

No. IV.

2 parts.

Part 1—4'—4" × 11"—Lines 9.

- L. 1 श्री वीर प्रताप कपिलेश्वर नवकोटी कर्णाटकनवरगेश्वर गजपति गौड़ेश्वर
देव महाराजाञ्च विने राइने समस्त ४१ आहो
2 धनु सुक्क सप्तमि रविवारे श्री पुखबोत्तम जगन्नाथ देवञ्च पद्मपादकु
भक्ती निमित्ते कपिलेश्वर रणाय सेवा करिदिले रत्न

- 3 तोदरमान श्री भूजर रत्नशंख चक्र दुइ प्रमेश्वरङ्ग मगहिंकि सुवायोगङ्ग
रमान आनि प्रवेश कले हासिक माहा
4 पात्र जमसर माहापात्र विजेश्वर माहापात्र करसु माहापात्र नाथ
माहापात्र एते जोके प्रवेश कले रुन्दि माहापात्रङ्ग अधिकारे
5 माजनामखड़े चउदशतप्रकरण भोगरागर समस्तनी थोइ देखी ।
प्रमाणे जागि कराइले रत्नमुकुट ८ कायपुन जोड़ातुंग
6 क ४ जोड़की निसव्वा करि थोड़ा ८४ हिरामाणिक विचित्रमान २
नागा नाएक मुदि १२ मुकुता
7 याउनि ८ मुकुता वङ्ककण्ठमान ४ माणिकसुता मा ८ मरकत जाउनि
८ मरकत मुकुता मा ५ नागारत्नपत्रक ४ मरक
8 तिसरसरे माणिकसुता पदसरि ४ मुकुता तीसरा उतुरी २ एका
रत्नहारे १ मुकुता तोदर २
9 पादपलव २ नागा नाएक वाऊटी जोड़ा १२ हिरामाणिक वना जो २
जाणितोदर २

Part 2—1'—9" × 7"—Lines 6.

- L. 1 नागा परताड़ थोड़ा १ पाऊड़ ४ मुकुता कङ्कणपट ६
2 कान्तियरकवर + कटौ मेखना कनकभूजाइ मान ५
3 सुगा योगिन् १ नागा पदार्थ शंख चक्र रत्न मा
4 ६ १६९ सुगा + . + गोटिए श्रीकपिलेश्वर २
5 जाए एहा जगनाथ महाप्रसन्न दिनि एहा नेमा वो
6 नि ये मनरे धरइ से श्री जगनाथङ्ग मोहकरइ ।

Translation.

On Sunday, the 7th (tithi) of Dhanu bright half in the 41st (anka) of the victorious reign of the warrior, the powerful, the elephant-lord, the king over Gauḍa and ninety millions of Karpāta and Kalabaraga, Kapileśvara Deva Mahārāja, out of devotion to the lotus-feet of the Lord Jagannātha of Purushottama, Kapileśvara Deva Rāja gave for sacred use :—Ornamented wrist-ornaments (toḍhar), and decorated couch and shells, two for the Lord's arms. For the bhoga of the god, the following (men) brought a supply of gold, viz., Hāsika Mahāpātra, Jamasara Mahāpātra, Viśveśvara Mahāpātra, Karamū Mahāpātra and Nātha Mahāpātra, these (men) supplied, under the superintendence of Nandi Mahāpātra; all (the articles) were placed in the audience hall

for bhogas of 1400 sorts. In accordance with directions (of the Śāstras, the following) were put on the body (of the Lord), *vis.*, one ornamented crown, carrings 8, Tungal in pairs 4, small carrings counted at 14 pairs, necklaces set with diamonds and rubies 2, rings set with various sorts of stones 12, pearl ear-ornaments (jáulis) 8, large necklaces of pearls 4, necklaces of rubies 8, emerald ear-ornaments (jáulis) 8, necklaces of emeralds and pearls 5, lockets set with various sorts of stones 4, three-rowed emerald neck-ornaments with pendant ruby parrot 4, three-rowed pearl breast-ornaments (nturis) 2, ornamented necklace 1, pearled wrist-ornaments (toḍhor) 2, golden feet set with stones (páda-pallabas) 2, bangles set with various sorts of stones 12 pairs, balás or wrist-ornaments of rubies and diamonds 2 pairs, netted tor-dhars 2, bracelets or partárdhas one pair, feet-ornaments or páhurás 4, pearl bracelets 6, waistlets with golden drops (?) 5, gold Jogibra (?) 1, the gold of (these) various things, and of the conch and shell is 192 márdas, one (illegible); the king Kapileśvara made a gift of these to Lord Jagannátha. He who intends to take them, rebels against Jagannátha.

Note.

The inscription gives an interesting enumeration of the various ornaments bestowed by Kapileśvara Deva on Jagannátha. Many of these ornaments are still in use.

Left side.

No. V.

2'—8" × 9"—Lines 6.

- L. 1 वीरञ्जी गजपति गजपेसर प्रताप कपिलेसर देव माहाराजाङ्गर विजे राज्ये
 2 समस्त इष्ट आहो मेस क ४ बुधवारो भो जगनाथ तोह देवक ए
 3 मतं जनाड्याह्नि रादहजनाकेय साखान्तमागङ्गा मुह पाहक राउतकु करि
 4 + + + + वाककालु पोसि आगिनि एमाने मोते सवुहे
 छाडिसे
 5 एमानङ्ग मुह ये याहा अनुरूपे विहिवी नियोगिवि विमो जगनाथ
 6 एकथा मोहर दोस अदोस विचार ।

Translation.

On Wednesday the 4th (tithi) of Mesha dark half in the 35th (anka) of the victorious reign of the warrior, the elephant lord, the king over Gauḍa, the powerful Kapileśvara Deva Mahārāja:—Oh Jagannátha, thy servant thus informeth the high officers in the kingdom. From

soldiers and servants (illegible, probably "apart from them"), I looked after (all) from boyhood, now they have forsaken me. I will treat them as they deserve. Lord Jagannātha, judge the correctness or incorrectness of mine (acts).

Notes.

According to Mādālā Pānji, in the 35th auka of Kapileśvara Deva's reign, the Zemindars of Kundajori broke out into rebellion. From the context they appear to have been assisted by many of the king's own officers.

Left side

No VI

3'-3" × 1'-3"—Lines 10

वीर श्री गजपति गजेश्वर नवकोटीकर्णाट कलवरगेश्वर विरवर श्री
प्रतापरुद्र देव

माहाराजाष्ट्र समस्त ९ अक्ष आही ककड़ा सु १० बुधवारे अवधारीत
आहंगा प्रमाणे वड

ठाकुरा गीतगोविन्दठाकुर भोगवेले ए नाट होइव । संभक्षुप सरिणा
ठाक

वड सिंगार परियन्ते ए नाट होइव । वड ठाकुरा संपरदा कपिलेश्वर
ठाकुरा वन्ना

नाचणीमान पुण्या संपरदा तेजंगी संपरदा एमाने खविहें वड
ठाकुरा गीतगो

विन्द ज्ञ आनगीत न सिखीवे । आनगीत न गाइवे । आन नाट होइ
परमेश्वर कासुरे न

इव ए नाट वितरके वड्याम गाव्या आरीजन अहन्ति एमाने
गीतगोविन्द गीतहि से गाइवे

एहाष्ट्र ठाकुरा अहन्तिमाने एकश्वररे सुखी गीतगोविन्द गीतहिं से
शिखीवे आनगीत न शिखीवे एहा

जे प्ररीक्षा आनगीत नाट कराइले जानी से जगन्नाथ भोज करइ ।

Translation.

On Wednesday the 10th (tithi) of Kakaḍā, bright half in the 9th auka of the warrior, the elephant-lord, the king over Gauḍa and ninety millions of Karṇāṭa and Kalabaraga, the mighty Pratāparudra Deva

Māhārāja according to the ascertained orders:—Dancing will be performed thus at the Bhoga time of the elder Thākur (i. e. Balarāma) and Gītagovinda Thākur (i. e. Jagannātha). This dancing will be held from the end of evening dhūpa up to the time of Barasingār (bed time) dhūpa. The batch (of dancing girls) of Barā Thākur, the fixed female dancers of Kapileśvara Thākur, the old batch, the Telangā batch, all will learn no other song than Gītagovinda of Barā Thākur. They will not sing any other song. No other kind of dancing should be performed before the god. Besides the dancing, there are four Vaishṇava singers; they will sing only the Gītagovinda. Hearing in one tone from them, those who are ignorant will learn the Gītagovinda song; they should not learn any other song. That superintendent who knowingly allows other songs to be sung, and other dancings to be performed, rebels against Jagannātha.

Note.

This edict directs what songs are to be sung and what dances are to be performed at the time of night bhogas (from evening to bed-time). The songs will be the songs of Gītagovinda and nothing else. The dancers were in four batches, and they were taught by four Vaishṇava singers.

Left side.

No. VII.

वीर श्री गजपति गौड़ेश्वर नवकोटि कर्णाटकसर्वेश्वर प्रताप
श्रीरुद्रदेव महाराजाश्च समस्त
५ चक्षुः आदि धनु तिनदिन (?) सोमवारे + + + कटक विजयसमय

(Rest illegible).

Translation.

On Monday, the 3rd (?) of Dhanu in the 5th anka of the warrior the elephant-lord, the king over Gauḍa and the ninety millions of Karnaṭa and Kalabaraga, the powerful Rudra Deva Mahārāja, at camp. . . .

Note.

This inscription is the lowermost. Ordinarily the place is dark, and the pilgrims while passing through the door, feel the way by touching the wall. In this manner almost all its lower part has been rubbed off.

Right side.

No. I.

in three parts.

Main part:—2' 9" × 9"—Lines 5.

वीरभी गजपति गौडेन्दुर नवकोटीकर्णाटककनवरगेन्दुर
 प्रताप पुरोत्तम देव माहाराजाध्वर समस्त २ आही मेस
 सुकन १२ ग्वारे भी पुरोत्तम कटके विजे समय
 दत्तरत्नपङ्क १ रत्नकनकशङ्खसिंहासने १ रत्नछति १
 रत्नखट १ सुनामार्यणीपट १ रत्नवेष्टचञ्चर २ ।

Western part:—Lines 7

6½" × 11"

पुरोत्तम माहाराजाध्वर दत्तर

त्नपङ्क २

रत्नकानफुल

४ मेरुगर्भ

वाङ्गटि योड़ा २

रत्नविष्णुना १

चन्द्रिआगो १

Eastern part:—Lines 5

1' 0 × 10"

रत्नदर्पण गोटिश्

१ यद्दानेमा

रे ये मनरे धरह

से जगनाथ देवङ्ग

प्रोह करह ।

Translation.

On Thursday, the 12th of Mesha, bright half in the 2nd (anka) of the warrior, the elephant-lord, the king over Gauḍa and ninety millions of Karṇāṭa and Kalabaraga, the powerful Purushottama Deva Mahārājá, while encamping at camp Purushottama:—Ornamented ivory couch 1, ornamented throne with flags and jars 1, ornamented umbrella 1, ornamented bedstead 1, golden-handled broom 1, ornamented-handled chauris 2.

Eastern part.

Gift of king Purushottama:—
 Ornamented couches 2,
 Ornamented earrings 4,
 Merugarbha wristlets 2 pairs,
 Ornamented fan 1,
 Chandia (hair-ornament like moon) 1.

Western part.

Ornamented mirror 1. He who thinks of taking these, rebels against Lord Jagannátha.

Note.

This inscription seems to be a continuation of No. II left side, and is of the same date.

Right side. .

No. II.

2' 5" × 1' 2"—Lines 8.

वीर श्री गजपति गजदेवर प्रतापकपिलेश्वर देव .
 माहाराजाध्वर विनेराज्ये समस्त १६ इ आहीनेस अमा
 वै रबीवारे मलिकापरिसादिग विनेकरि बाऊड़ा कठकाह
 श्री पुष्योत्तमकटके वीरमोगोह विने समय श्रीचरख
 अयते कोठचर सान्तरा परिक्षमहापात्र रघुदेशो गरिम्ह
 जगाई छाड़कराहनाकु आइंगा होइना श्री पुष्योत्तमर
 पुखरिख गोपसाही देनि यथकु ये अवाणघंहे से जग
 नाथ देवकु मोह करह य मुदले केनाह खुटिया जिहाइना ।

Translation.

On Sunday the new moon in the Mesha of the 19th anka of the victorious reign of the warrior, the elephant-lord, the king of Gauḍa, Kapileśvara Deva Mahārāja, having conquered the side of Mallikā Parisā, on the journey back, at camp Purushottama, while taking his food, the storekeeper and superintendent Raghu Deva Narendra having made known (to the king) it was ordered:—I give to god Purushottam the Sāri cloth known as Puṇḍariksha gopa. Whoever violates this rebels against Jagannātha. This writing Kelai Khunṭiā inscribed.

Note.

The Mādālā Panji mentions the conquest of a Mallikā country in the 21st anka—21st may be a mistake for 19. "Puṇḍariksha gopa" may be the name of a village.

Right side.

No. III.

4' 1" × 1' 4"—Lines 7.

वीर श्री गजपति गजदेवर नवकोटीकर्णाट कनकरेश्वर प्रताप
 कपिलेश्वर
 देव माहाराजाध्वर विनेराज्ये समस्त ११ अह आही ककड़ा सु १२
 अहारे श्री पुष्य

बोत्तम कटके दखीनघरे माज्यामखरे विजे खर खवघारीत आग्यां
बोइला सुदसे भो श्रीजगनाथ मोहर बाहिन खभ्यन्तर समस्त तु जातु
मोहर येते रतन पदार्थ अछि से तोहर एहा उ आखर आन धन
जिस अछि सुई ब्राह्मण हाथरे ताहा येते देह पारइ ताहा देवि
ए भूमिखण्ड तु याहाकुं अनुग्रह कर मोहर से वेप + वे ।

Translation.

On Thursday, the 12th of Kākṛā, bright half of the 31st anka of the victorious reign of the warrior elephant-lord, the king over Gauḍa and ninety millions of Karpāṭa and Kalabaraga at Camp Purushottama, while holding court in the audience-hall of the southern block (of rooms), it was ordered to be inscribed;—Oh Jagannātha, thou knowest everything of mine both external and internal. Whatever precious things I have, I will bestow on the Brāhmanas as much as I can. He, on whom thou pleasest to bestow this land, is my (illegible.)

Note.

Herein the king humbles himself before Jagannātha and promises to make liberal gifts to Brāhmanas. The inscription appears to be the outcome of some heavy troubles or impending disasters. The usual curse at the end is wanting.

Right side.

No. 1V.

4' 10" × 10"—Lines 7.

- L. 1 वीरश्री गजपति गजपेश्वर नवकोटिकर्णट कलवरजेश्वर प्रताप श्री
गजपति पुत्रबोत्तमदेव माहाराजाङ्गर
2 विजयरान्ये समस्त १६ अङ्ग आही सिंह शुक्ल ८ गुरुवारे वाराणसि
कटके श्रीजगन्नाथ गोपालप्रिय जगतीर दक्षिणमेढरे वड़ अवकाशे
3 समस्त वेहोरा माहापात्र माहापात्र पात्रसनि मिश्र खटन्ति वुड़ा
लेश्वा समस्तङ्ग सुकाविकारे आहगां होइला आम्मे अनुवव करि मुनो
देखी ए पृथिवी येतेकाल
4 थाइ तेतेकाल ए ओड़ीमारान्यर राजांमाण्डु तिषार अङ्ग सव
राजामाने ब्राह्मण्डु दान देवा शान्तिपूर्वक मनजोग करि धनस्त्री
प्राय राज्य एहि चारि कथार केवेहें
5 ब्राह्मण्डु नियोग न करिव । एहि चारि कस्मीरे निजोनिजे ब्राह्मण

जाग कम्महि से करइ ह (?) कन करइ सुं (?) प्रतथा + + +
 नेकति आराध्य जाच + धि मानहु आदेश
 6 वचन जज्ञन करि ये अवा आन करइ से जगन्नाथ जु मोह करइ । से
 महापातक । अति पातक वि + को समस्त पातक ककार पन पाह
 7 सर्वे हे एकथा वृद्धकरि मनरे धरी आन्तर उपदेश कर । कर । कर ।

Translation.

On Thursday the 8th of the Simha, bright half in the 19th anka of the victorious reign of the warrior the elephant-lord, the king over Gauda and the ninety millions of Karnāṭa and Kalabarga, the powerful Purushottama Deva Mahārāja, at camp Bārānāsi (Kaṭak) while holding his great leisure in the southern portion of the royal residence named Gopāla-priya, Behorā Māhāpātra, Māhāpātra Pātra-s (m. P)-api Mīra, and the old Lenkā being present it was ordered :—Feeling, hearing and seeing, I advise the kings of Orissa as long as this world lasts, all ye kings, ye are to make gifts to the Brāhmins with peaceful and attentive mind. Never deprive Brāhmins of these four matters—wealth, wife, life and land. These four things not being deprived, the Brāhmins will perform the Jāgas, will not deceive (?) (illegible). Whoever, violating these advices and sayings, does otherwise, rebels against Jagannātha. He is a first class sinner (P), a great sin (illegible) gets the effect of all the sins. Let all, bearing in mind this fact, according to my edicts do ! do ! do !

Note.

The inscription is long and partly illegible. Some of the letters have been swallowed up by a crack in the stone; others have been effaced by the constant rubbing of pilgrims' hands. Bārānāsi is the old name of Kaṭak and still survives in Birdānāsi, the westernmost part of Kaṭak along the Kātjori river. Lenkā is an officer whose duties are not known.

Right side.

No. V.

5' x 2' 3"—Lines 18.

- L. 1 श्री वीर गजपति गङ्गेश्वर नवकोटो कर्णाट कनवरगेश्वर श्रीम (रा)
 राजाधिराज मान गोविन्द श्री
 2 गोविन्द देव राजा श्रीश्रीमद्विरवर प्रताप श्रीश्री प्रताप देव
 महाराजाध्वर विजे राज्ये समस्त

- 3 ॐ अहं विहा सुकल दृष्टिना मङ्गलवारे जगन्मोहन मखये
 श्रीजगन्नाथ ह्यमुदे ज
 4 नाहले भो जगन्नाथ तोहपद्मपाद देखी आसिवा बीवारे विना अमुटि
 नकां विभं उदयगौरि स
 5 रि परिजन्ते खदेशी परदेशी जाओमायङ्गर दाव प्रति × × × ×
 6 गङ्गातर द्वाजामाये × ×
 7 पावना करिजे ने एकया अन्यथा क
 8 रह से श्रीजगन्नाथकु तोह करह
 9 खहले ब्राह्मण वध कजा पाप
 10 गत्वा आविगो भूमिपाव
 11 दते रामचन्द्र
 12 प्राया काले
 13 सावना

} Rest illegible by plastering

Translation.

On Tuesday the 3rd of Bichhá bright half of the 4th anka of the victorious reign of the warrior the elephant-lord, the king over Gaṇḍa and the ninety millions of Karnaṭa and Kalabaraga, king of kings, the powerful Mānagovinda Govinda Deva Rājā, Pratāpa Deva Mahārājā, in the porch and before Lord Jagannātha he thus made known (his prayer) :—Oh Jagannātha, without going and coming to see your lotus feet all appear as hell. The gifts of pilgrims (of places) up to Vindhya and Udayagiri mountains, whether native or foreigner (rest illegible). The kings of Garjāt (illegible) will obey. He who violates this order rebels against Jagannātha, and gets the sin of killing a Brāhman with one's own hands.

(Here follow four stanzas of Sanskrit slokas).

Note.

From the date, and the name, Māna Govinda Govinda Deva appears to be the same as Govinda Bidyādhara of the Mādala Pānji. He was a minister of Pratāpa Rudra Deva, and became the prime minister during the short reigns of his two sons. Finally he murdered them and ascended the throne himself.

BHUVANESVARA TEMPLE.

Right side.

No. I.

2' 4" x 6"—Lines 6.

- L. 1 विर श्री गजपति गडडेसर नवकोटो कर्नाट कलवरकोसर प्रताप
पुष्योत्तम देव
2 माहाराजद्वर विने राज्ये समस्त अ १६ इ आहितुन कर रहवारे
ज्ञातिवासक
3 टके पुजा अवकाशे आग्यां होइनाय ये विसि बेहारा चन्द्रवाय ये
4 जाक करेइ खेहि ताहाकु न जागइ एतेवारि ये तारकर्ता निजर
प्रति भूवने
5 छ देवकु ताहाइ ये राज मोहा आइग्यां होइना विसि बेहारा
निहाइना
6 सरखे

Translation.

On Sunday the 2nd of Tula, dark half in the 19th anka of the victorious reign of the warrior the elephant-lord, the king over Gauḍa and ninety millions of Kārṇāṭa and Kalabaraka, the powerful Puruṣhot-tama Deva Mahārāja at camp Kṛitibās during the pūjā leasure, it was ordered:—He who throws magical arrows unto Bisi Behārā will not succeed. In spite of this (order), he who does so, is cursed by (the oath of) god Bhuvanēṣvara, he is a rebel. By order of Bisi Behārā inscribed. All (hear).

• Right side.

No. II.

2' 8½" x 5"—Lines 6.

- L. 1 जीविर कपिलेसर देव महाराजाद्वर विनेराज्ये समस्त ० अङ्ग आही
2 मिथुन संक्रान्ति कळ ६ मङ्गलवार ज्ञातिवास कटके भितर पुजा अवकासे
3 राय शुभ वासु माहापात्र सुवनेसर माहापात्र यदुइ हे आसि
निहाइलेय
4 दुहसर गोचरो आग्यां वीणि होइना आम्भर ओड़िसा राज्ये नेते राजा
5 मूल सवुहे राजाकु हिते प्रति ये आपना सहाचारे धिये अलक्ष्मर्ने
6 नरहिने राजाद्वर अर्चहिते प्रतिसे राजावाहार करि ताहार सर्वस हदि ।

Translation.

On Monday the 9th of the Mithúna, dark half Sankránti in the 4th anka of the victorious reign of the warrior Kapileśvara Deva Mahárāja, at camp Kṛitibás during the inner pújá leisure, it was ordered in the presence of Raiguru Básu Máhápátra and Bhuvaneśvara Máhápátra who caused (this) to be inscribed :—All the kings in my Orissa kingdom should work for the good of the (paramount) sovereign, should keep virtuous ways, should not remain in bad ways. If they act badly towards the sovereign, they will be expelled from the kingdom and all their property confiscated.

Note.

These two inscriptions are on the right jamb of the doorway leading to the porch of the Bara Deúl at Bhuvaneśvara. They are inscribed just in the centre at a man's height. No corresponding inscriptions are to be found on the left jamb.

The general remarks made in the Jagannátha inscriptions apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to these also. The dates do not seem correct. The tithis of the years in question do not fall on the week-days stated.

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The Topography of Old Fort William.—By C. R. WILSON, M. A.

In the present paper I propose to lay before the Society the results of certain excavations made during the last four months of the year 1891 and the first four months of the year 1892, on the site of old Fort William, Calcutta.

These are not the first excavations which have been made at this spot. In 1883 Mr. R. R. Bayne, while erecting the East India Railway Offices in Fairlie Place, came across considerable portions of the old fort walls. He reported his discoveries to the Society in a paper which will be found in the Journal for 1883, Vol. LII, Part I, No. II.

The general position of the old fort with its adjacent warehouses is well-known. It stood on the ground now occupied by the General Post Office, the New Government Offices, the Custom House, and the East India Railway House. The warehouses built along the south side of the fort skirted Khoila Ghat Street. The north side was in Fairlie Place. The east front looked out on Clive Street and Dalhousie Square. Behind it was the river which then flowed further east than at present.

The fort was in shape an irregular tetragon. Its walls were built of small thin bricks strongly cemented together.

The old Fort.

According to Orme, "its sides, to the east and west extended 210 yards, the southern side 130, and the northern

side 100. It had four bastions mounting each ten guns. The curtains were four feet thick, and like the factory of Cossimbazar, terraces, which were the roofs of chambers, formed the top of the ramparts; and windows belonging to these chambers were in several places opened in the curtains. The gateway on the eastern side projected, and mounted five guns, three in front and one on each flank towards the bastions. Under the western face, and on the brink of the river, was a line of heavy cannon mounted in embrasures of solid masonry; and this work was joined to the two western bastions by two slender walls, in each of which was a gate of pallisadoes. In the year 1747, warehouses had been built contiguous to the southern curtain, and, projecting on the outside, between the two bastions, rendered them useless to one another. However the terraces of these warehouses were strong enough to bear the firing of three pounders which were mounted in barbets over a slight parapet." There were also blocks of central buildings within the fort. It had two gates on the river side besides that on the east front.

When in 1883 Mr. R. R. Bayne began to dig at the corner of Fairlie Place for the purpose of laying down the foundations of the East India Railway House, he almost immediately came across remains of old walls built of small thin bricks such as have long ceased to be used. These were the walls of the old fort. Mr. Bayne followed up the indications thus found, and in the end was able to put together an almost complete ground plan of the north end of the fort. As a detailed description of these discoveries has been already placed before the Society, it will be quite unnecessary for me to attempt to give any further account of them here. Nor do I wish at present to offer any criticisms upon the suggestions and theories which naturally occurred to Mr. Bayne in connection with his discoveries. I shall at once proceed to set forth the results which have been obtained since 1883 by a persistent search of the records and by recent excavations made on the spot.

The first great step towards completing the work so well begun by Mr. R. R. Bayne was taken by Mr. T. R. Munro, who discovered in the British Museum a copy of a large map of old Calcutta on the scale of 100 ft. = 1 in., dated 1753. The map, it appears, was drawn by a Lieutenant Wells of the Company's Artillery, and was designed to show a projected new fort, but it also shows the old fort in great detail. A photograph of this plan was presented to the Asiatic Society in 1889 by Mr. Munro, and it is with this photograph in my hands that I have been able to carry out extensive excavations of the site of the old fort in the years 1891 and 1892 and thus complete the work of defining the topo-

graphy of the place. The plan, it is true, is not quite accurate, but it is infinitely superior to the little rough sketch of the fort found in Orme's history, which was all Mr. Bayne had to go upon.

The plan suggested a further searching of the records, both here and at home, to see if they could cast any further light either upon the plan itself, or on the projected new fort of 1753, or on the state of the old fort generally. Through the kindness of Mr. Forrest, I was enabled to see such records bearing on the subject as are now preserved in the Imperial Library at Calcutta, but I found that they were very meagre. Dr. Busteed, however, most generously devoted a considerable amount of his valuable time to looking up the records at home, and has furnished me with a complete list of all the passages to be found in the extant records which have any bearing whatever on the old fort, and on the question of improving it, or superseding it, which seems to have been so often discussed during the four or five years which preceded the tragedy of the Black Hole. These extracts are provokingly incomplete. They refer to fuller documents, but these fuller documents are not now forthcoming, having been all destroyed. Four plans are mentioned, *viz.*, Colonel Scott's, Captain Jones's, Simson's and Plaisted's, but none of these could be found by Dr. Busteed at the India Office. It is only by some lucky chance that a duplicate copy of Scott's, or Wells's plan found its way into the King's library at the British Museum. As, however, these extracts bring before us very vividly the circumstances under which the plan was drawn up in 1753, I will here give them in full, together with Dr. Busteed's valuable comments on them, before proceeding to speak of the plan itself.

1. From President and Council, Bengal, to the Court of Directors,
Extracts. Scott and Wells. the 28th February, 1754.

Colonel Scott having laid a project before the Board for securing this settlement against any attack from a country force which, in the present juncture, ought to be guarded against, and as we imagine the expense of it will not be very considerable, we have complied with his proposal and directed him to set about it as soon as possible. A copy of that project we transmit yr. Honours in this packet as we did not chuse for the sake of secrecy to enter it after the consultations.

2. From President and Council, Bengal, to the Court of Directors, the 7th September 1754.

When Col. Scott proceeded to the coast he requested we would permit Lt. Wells to carry on the works he had planned at Perrin's in

his absence which we accordingly complied with. * * * *. Col. Scott in consequence of Mr. Saunders and Council's¹ request for relieving Major Lawrence in the Field, left us on the 18th March, but it is with concern we informed yr. Hons. he died at Madras on 12th May of a violent fever.

3. From the Bengal Government to Wm. Watts at Moorshedabad, the 22nd August 1755.

It has hitherto been very unfortunate to this Settlement that every gentleman, who has had capacity or been appointed by our employers to fortify this place, have not lived even to make a beginning on the plans proposed,² *we have therefore agreed to wait our Masters' last commands by this year's shipping*, when if they are absolute and the situation of affairs in Europe portends war we must employ those who have the most experience and knowledge to execute plans of fortification, and this we shall put in practice without showing any diffidence to the right we have of securing our Settlement.³

4. A letter, signed by Messrs. Drake and Manningham, to the Court of Directors, the 3rd September 1755.

The death of Col. Scott put a check to our pursuing his plan for securing this settlement from any attack of the country forces with much alacrity *as we were cautious of laying out much money until yr. Honours signified yr. approbation of that work* which shall now be set about in as expeditious a manner as the season of the year will permit our carrying it into execution. Here we must remark that the Go-

¹ The Council of Madras. H. E. B.

² See *Long's Selections* No. 166.

³ Perhaps it would have been wiser if they had shown some "diffidence" now after having for so long neglected their defences, even in the face of repeated orders from home. The new Nawáb in the following year opened their eyes on this subject. However, to give the Fort William Government their due, they had consulted Watts, the chief at Cossimbazar, as to the prudence of seeking permission from the Murshidábád Government before they took their defences in hand. They were prepared to conciliate the Nawáb and to resort to the customary bribery to him and his ministers. Watts opposed the idea, chiefly because the Nawáb was really so rich that no bribe which Calcutta could afford would be likely to convert him if unfavorably inclined; he urged moreover that the precedent of asking and paying for such permission might prove a very embarrassing one in the future, and that if the Nawáb should refuse, the English would be worse off than ever. On the whole Watts advised them to go on with the fortifications and say nothing, and, if in the meantime exception should be taken by the Murshidábád Court, Watts was not without confidence that he could prevail upon the Minister "Huckambeg," for a consideration, to divert the possible anger of the Nawáb. Events did not justify this confidence. H. E. B.

vernment⁴ has not attempted to frustrate that design though it has a formidable appearance.

5. From President and Council, Bengal, to the Court of Directors, the 11th September 1755. *

We shall pay due regard to yr. orders in regard to the fortifications Col. Scott projected for the defense of the place against a country enemy which are carrying on agreeable to his instructions, but not yet near finished. Mr. Wells who was recommended by the Colonel to overlook those works being dead, we have directed Mr. Barthw. Plaisted to see them executed: for what may relate further to those works or any others that may be found necessary for the defense of the settlement we beg leave to refer yr. Hons. to the gentlemen you have entrusted on that head.⁵

6. From President and Council, Bengal, to the Court of Directors, the 8th December 1755. *

Mr. Wm. Wells, 2nd Lieut. of the Train under whose inspection the works at Perrin's were carrying on, departed this life on 8th August. In his room Mr. B. Plaisted took charge of those works jointly with Mr. O'Hara. They have our directions to execute the plan Colonel Scott left behind him.

7. On August 4th, 1755, Captain Jasper Leigh Jones of the Artillery addresses a letter to the President and Council, Fort William, about the state of the defences of Calcutta.⁶

It is with pleasure I hear the Hon'ble Court of Directors have earnestly recommended unto you an inspection in general regarding the Buildings Military (*sic*) and Fortifications. * * * I think it is my duty to study anything for the good of the service. * * * [He enlarges on this duty theme and deprecates the circumstance that he is armed with so little authority to initiate or take up any measures for the defending of a place whose safe custody he considers himself responsible for in a great degree. He proposes to relieve his conscience by giving Government his opinion as to the condition of their so-called defences before he hotakes himself to the Coast where he is next for duty. He then goes on to speak of Col. Scott's project.] In the

⁴ The Government of Murshidábád. H. E. B.

⁵ Probably Drake and Manningham, as those two only sign the letter to the Court of the 3rd September 1755. H. E. B.

⁶ "Bengal Consultations," 1755-56.

method I perceive the plan in regard to the inward works may by the order of the Hon'ble Ct. of Ds. be put into execution, but as there is no positive order to go to work on that, it is necessary now we should think for the good of the place we are entrusted with as well as the property of our proprietors and our Hon'ble Masters who employ us. [As there is a probability of a French war in Europe, he counsels that provision for that contingency should be the chief object in view : he considers that there is little or nothing to fear from a 'country enemy' as 'their interest for our continuation will be sufficient']. Provided a general war which is what we have to expect, it is natural to expect the enemy will attack this place, and in order to do this send some ships of war into the river whose coming near the town must be carefully avoided. It is certain the Hon'ble Ct. of Ds. has been always of opinion that if ever Calcutta was attacked it must be by some means from the river, and they, like prudent, experienced and good Masters, have provided their servants in time with the best guns they could procure which by their nature are for defense and not for sale, lying on the warfe unmounted from their landing to this day.

How far we have regarded their hint I can't say, as we have neither a carriage to mount any of them on, or even a gun already mounted in the garrison fit for service, and am very sorry I must be obliged to confess we seem to look more like a ruined and deserted Moor's fort than any place in possession of Europeans, much less a principal Settlement [There is more to the same purpose; his main recommendation is to repair the 'Line Wall' on the river bank, the immediate construction of fascines there as a temporary measure, the providing of vessels to be used as fire ships, and the manning of the batteries proposed by the gentlemen of the Militia Corps with trained Artillerymen intermixed with them]. What guns could be mounted on the 2 bastions by the river side ought likewise to be kept in good order with their platform and embrasures repaired, as they would be of infinite use, being so much higher than the guns of the Line Warfe Wall.

8. Captain Jones returns to the subject again on 11th Sept. 1755.⁷

Having not met with the pleasure of yr. approval in regard to my last letter to which this plan is in some measure a reference, and that it may not be misconstrued by yr. Honors, I hope you will be kind enough to give me leave to send it home, in the packet, for fear it might be thought (without an explanation) I had some views of converting the

⁷ "Bengal Consultations," 1755-56.

designs of a more perfect hand—this I hope will show I had no sinister views of my own.⁸

9. It appears from the Consultations of 24th November 1755, that Mr. B. Plaisted also furnished to Mr. Frankland “a plan he had taken of the town of Calcutta.”

10. On 25th February, 1756, a letter was addressed to Drake and Manningham⁹ by Colin Simson who thus introduces his own plan.¹⁰

Since the time I have had the honor to be appointed Engineer I have had an opportunity to examine the plan projected by Col. Scott for a fortification where Fort Wm. now stands, which appearing to be deficient in some of the things principally requisite in a fortification, I thought it my duty to represent the same to yr. Hons. that if you think proper the representation with the accompanying plan may be transmitted to the Ct. of Ds.

[He proceeds to criticise adversely Scott's plan in many particulars.] The whole Fort when finished will be a narrow slip on the side of the River, and in order to build it, the whole north side of the Factory which contains the apartments for most of the young gentlemen in the Company's service, the magazine for arms and military stores, shop for medicine, smith's shop, &c., must be pulled down immediately, as also

⁸ This plan was ordered “to be sent to the Honourable Company in the box of books per *Hardwick*.” As for Captain Jones, *R. Drake Junior* and his brethren did not like to be hustled by this plain-spoken and honest man; his gloomy forebodings—too soon to be realized, but from a quarter which even he did not foresee—were most unwelcome. Like the daughter of Priam he possessed the gift of prophecy which nobody believed, and accordingly he got nothing but rebukes for his pains. “On the 4th August Captain Jasper Jones sent in a letter to the Board with his sentiments on the present fortifications of the place, and what he thought necessary for its defense in case of war. The Board being of opinion it was irregular, improper and unnecessary, we ordered our Secretary to inform him that our orders had been issued to his Superior Officer to whom he should have applied if he had anything material to offer.” Poor Jones did not go to the coast as he proposed: he died instead on the 22nd November 1755, having been overtaken with monotonous punctuality, by the “violent fever” which had already accounted for so many of those who dealt with the defences of the settlement. The Bengal recording angels said grandiloquently, in their letter to the Court of Directors, that he “demised,” and this they announced without the hollow customary formality of any expression of regret. Captain Witherington reigned in his stead, and Lieutenant Grant became a Captain. H. E. B.

⁹ The special Committee on fortifications presumably. H. E. B.

¹⁰ Letters from Bengal 1756.

the Church and Hospital; all these buildings are in constant use, they cannot be well spared, and it would be difficult to supply their place immediately.¹¹ [He repeats this drawback to Scott's plan in another part.] Before the building of the Colonel's plan can be carried on there must be pulled down immediately all the north side of the Factory, the Church, Hospital, godowns of Mr. McGuire's house, the Dockyard, and godowns of the Company's house. Whereas in order to go on with building the Square nothing need be pulled down but the outhouses of the Company's House and a small part of north-east corner of present Fort.

Simson's suggestion was 'to save most of these buildings and to erect a square fort (as by the accompanying plan) which runs from the north side of the present fort round the Church through the Tank towards the horse's Stables and thence down to the waterside between Mr. Amiott's house and that of the Company.'¹²

There is only one allusion to be found in Simson's letter to the Fort river-bastions. 'The gun wharf or low battery on the river side which is not flanked by any fire from the Fort is proposed to be left in its present situation, and as its wall projects forward from the angle of the north-western bastion towards the river, it prevents the face of that bastion from being flanked. Neither is the face of the south western bastion towards the river flanked, the line of its face running without side the opposite flank.'

I may now pass on to describe Wells's plan of the fort to which frequent allusion has been made in the foregoing extracts and of which I give a facsimile (Plate VI). The plan is preserved in the British Museum having found its way there from the King's library. It is endorsed "No. 11 Duplicate Plan of Fort William and part of Calcutta by Wm. Wells under Col. Scott drawn in 1753"; and again in another part.—"Received per Dunington, 10th October 1754." The object of the plan is to show the new fort which Col. Scott projected in 1753, but it incidentally shows the old fort in considerable detail, the scale being 100 ft. = 1 in. Looking at the plan we recognise at once the irregular tetragon with its four bastions, (α , β , γ , δ) each having embrasures for ten guns. The north curtain here measures 210 ft., the south curtain 356 ft., the east 546, the west 560. The fort has three gates, ϵ the east gate, ζ the main south river

¹¹ See *Long's Selections* No. 165. By an unfortunate misprint, "north side of the Factory" has been converted into "south side" in the *Selections*.

¹² Then the Company's Stables were beyond, i. e., east of, the Hospital, and Amiott's house was just south of Douglas'. H. E. B.

gate, and η the smaller north river gate through which Suraj-ud-daula entered the fort. θ is the mound of the great flag-staff, ι is the passage joining the northern and southern divisions of the fort. $\kappa\lambda\mu\nu\pi$ are the series of rooms south of the east gate, of which the southernmost should be the Black Hole. ξ is the staircase to the south-east bastion α . p is the verandah in front of the chambers $\kappa\lambda\mu\nu\pi$. σ is the landing stage on which was placed the Company's crane. τ is the river wall armed with cannon and protected where necessary with palisades shown as dotted lines. Within the fort is a large central block of buildings marked in the plan as "The Factorery." Hamilton calls this the Governor's House, and I prefer to use this name to indicate it, as "the factorery" is more commonly used to denote the whole fort. At the same time it must be remembered that the Governor did not live here in 1753, but in the Company's House on the south side of the fort, although he still retained some rooms or offices in the south-east wing of the building for his own use. Adjoining the south-east bastion, we see the Export and Import Warehouses which, as Orme tells us, were added in 1747. Holwell speaks of them as the new, or colta, warehouses. The roofs was strong enough to carry cannon, and the south-east corner of the warehouses when thus armed seems to have been dignified with the title of the new S. E. bastion.¹³ The east gate (ϵ) was also armed with five cannon. The warehouse yard is separated from another yard to the west of it by a small zigzag wall. This yard (ω) was, I conjecture, the carpenter's yard, since it is next to the warehouses, and is conveniently situated with reference to the river. As regards the buildings on the north side of the fort, mentioned in Simson's letter of 25th February, 1756, I conjecture that $\phi\phi$ are the lodgings occupied by the young gentlemen in the Company's service, and that χ , the central building in the north division of the fort, is the armoury. The former conjecture is supported by the very nature of the ground plan of the buildings, the latter by the fact that when Mr. R. R. Bayne uncovered the foundations of χ in 1883 he found close by it pieces vitrified as if from a forge. The laboratory was situated in the east curtain¹⁴ and must have been one of the rooms $\psi\psi$. Generally the

¹³ Holwell alludes to the new S. E. bastion several times in his long letter to the Court of Directors. In section 40 he says: "That [outpost] to the eastward at the Court House you will find commanded by the battery over the E. Gate and from the old and new South-east bastions within musket shot." And again: "The whole square between the south face of the fort and the hospital, and gate of the burying ground was commanded not only by the New South-east bastion, but by seven 4-pounders on the new godowns." In section 48 he says: "Accordingly prepared with the flag [of truce] on the original S.-E. bastion where Captain Buchanan was then posted."

¹⁴ I learn this fact from Dr. Busteed who has furnished me with the following

plan has every mark of care and accuracy, and, as regards the northern portion of the fort agrees fairly well with what Mr. Bayne discovered in 1883. There is only one suspicious circumstance to be noted here. The north and south alignment of the Governor's House is not parallel to the east curtain. This is *prima facie* an improbable arrangement.

In the year 1891, all the buildings between the General Post Office and the Custom House were pulled down and the ground dug up for the purpose of laying the foundations of the new Government Offices,

History of the recent excavations.

Dalhousie Square. As before in 1883, so now, the excavations revealed remains of the strangely fashioned walls of thin brick work which had once formed part of the old fort. In particular the curiosity of the public was much excited by the discovery of a small rectangular chamber faced with hard cement standing in the midst of four larger walls which looked down grimly on it.

At the beginning of September 1891, having made myself acquainted with the main features of the old fort, I went down to see the excavations. Almost the first thing I did was to measure the small rectangular chamber and the space between the larger walls which surrounded it. The small chamber measured east and west 9 ft. 9 in.; the distance between the thick walls east and west was 14 ft. 10 in. These measurements and the general appearance of the walls convinced me that the thick wall on the east was the curtain wall of the fort, that the wall on the west was the wall parallel to the curtain built for the purpose of containing the chambers running along that side of the fort, and that the smaller plastered chamber was a strong-room or godown.

I next identified the remains of the east gate. The walls had been much cut away by the excavations, but enough remained to show their true nature. Moreover, on measuring the distance from the spot where these walls stood to the record plate marking the north-east angle of the fort as determined by Mr. Bayne, I found that it agreed fairly well with the measurements given in the plan.

This discovery of the true position of the east gate was most important, because it settled finally one of the chief disputed points in the topography of the old fort, and it at once became the starting point for further investigations and discoveries. The value and significance of the excavations now became clear to me. If this was the east gate then the

extract from a letter written by Holwell to Bombay, 17th July 1756, when just released from "Muradabad." "The 20th in the morning the enemy formed three assaults at once, against the N.-W. bastion, against the N.-W. Futtoch or barrier, and against the windows of the Laboratory on the eastern curtain, and attempted to scale the North-West window."

mutilated fragments of brick work I had just been touching and measuring were all that remained of the well-known court of guard, barracks and Black Hole, spoken of by Orme and Holwell. West of them was the parade ground where the soldiers of Suráj-ud-daula had been drawn up to keep guard over their captives, and west of this again I should find the foundations of the Governor's House in the Fort. On advancing westward to a distance of about 110 ft. from the east curtain, the walls of the south-east wing of the Governor's House were readily discovered; and after a certain amount of careful excavation its leading features were all ascertained. Meanwhile I was anxiously trying to fix the position of the south curtain wall and the three lines of arches shown in the plan running parallel to the south curtain. The tradition has always been that the old arcade in the yard of the General Post Office was part of the old fort, and although Mr. Bayne had argued that this could not be the case, I felt convinced that tradition was right. I was, however, for a long time baffled in my efforts to prove the truth of the tradition owing to the fact that the actual distances between the lines of the arches of the arcade and the corner of the north-east wing of the factory, which had been discovered, could not be made to agree with the distances shown in the plan between that corner and the lines of arches along the south curtain. It was only after a good deal of excavation that the true position of the south curtain was established, and it became evident that the south face of the old arcade is part of the first line of arches within the curtain, that the pillars in the centre of the arcade belong to the second line of arches, and the north side of the arcade is on the alignment of the third and innermost line of arches.

The settling of this difficulty necessarily led to a further set of investigations. If these were the real positions of the south curtain wall and of the lines of arches within it, it followed that the plan was inaccurate in its representation of this part of the fort. Hence doubts naturally arose as to whether the plan was correct when it represented the east curtain wall as inclined at an angle to the north and south alignment of the Governor's House. It could not but seem more likely that they were parallel. To determine this point, excavations were made in the yard of the Custom House, and by this means the main outlines of the north-east wing of the factory and also the north and south alignment of the main building were ascertained. Here too it turned out that the plan was incorrect.

From this point the work of excavation was comparatively easy. Further investigations cleared up all that was obscure about the south curtain wall, and fixed the position of the block of buildings running east and west dividing the fort into two sections.

The plan given in Pl. VII gives the combined results of the excavations made in 1883 and in 1891. It shows the existing buildings on the site and over them the old fort is drawn. The walls of the darkest tint are the walls discovered by me, those of a lighter tint are walls discovered by Mr. R. R. Bayne. The still lighter tint indicates walls whose position has not yet been verified. In indexing the plan for reference I have tried to follow a uniform system.

I shall now describe the different portions of the fort which have been discovered in 1891, and I shall begin with

The Governor's House in the Fort.

"The Factory" or "the Governor's House in the fort," which Hamilton describes is "the best and most regular piece of architecture that I ever saw in *India*." I have dug up as much of the foundations of this "Piece of Architecture" as was possible without disturbing the existing buildings. I think it merits Hamilton's praise. The walls were undoubtedly strong and well-built, the shape of the building is regular and suggests the quadrangle of a college. The main building (*OPQWVT*) faced the river. Its length north and south was 245 ft.¹⁵ In the centre of this face was the great gate of the Governor's House, and from it a colonade ran down to the south water gate of the fort and the principal landing stage. This was the way by which Governor Drake escaped to the ships in 1756. Entering this gate and turning to your left you ascended the great flight of stairs which led, I conjecture, to the hall and the principal rooms. At right angles to the main building, and at each end of it, were wings running back towards the east curtain. Thus these north-east and south-east wings, together with the main building formed three sides of a rectangle having a raised cloister or piazza running all along the three sides. In the centre, I imagine, was a green grass plat. The south-east wing contained the apartments of the governor, and the factors probably had rooms in different parts of the building. Almost the whole of the ground on which the main building stood is at present occupied with government godowns. A trench was, however, dug from east to west in the passage between the opium godowns and the import godowns, and this enabled me to determine the positions of the principal walls, which were uncovered at the places marked $p p_1 p_2$. The wall $p p_1$ is one of the cross walls of the Governor's House forming the north side of the grand staircase. It is three feet thick. At p it meets the west wall of the Governor's House which is 3 ft. 9 in. thick, at p_1 it meets the east wall of the principal building (*PV*) which is 4 ft. 6 in. thick. The internal distance between these two walls is 30 ft. 9 in. At p' the cross wall $p p_1$

¹⁵ There are at least two or three views given in old prints of the west face of this building.

meets on its south side an inner wall 3 ft. thick, parallel to the main west wall of the building, and at p'_1 , it meets a similar wall 3 ft. 9 in. thick. The internal distance between the main west wall and the inner parallel wall at p' is 10 ft. 3 in.; the internal distance between the inner wall at p' and the next one at p'_1 is only 6 ft. 9 in. These inner walls doubtless served to support the grand staircase. The inner wall at p'_1 intersects the cross wall pp_1 and continues on the north side of it. I do not know the reason of this. The wall $O_2p_2R_2$ is the wall which supported the columns of the cloister, or verandah, which ran round the inside of the quadrangle of the Governor's House. It has been uncovered from p_2 to R_2 where it turns to run along the inside of the north-east wing. The wall $O_2p_2R_2$ is 2 ft. 6 in. thick, with an offset of 6 in. at the points where it actually supported the pillars of the cloister. The distance between the pillars of the west cloister, from centre to centre, was 10 ft. 6 in. At p_3 , 4 ft. 6 in. from p_2 , I found a piece of a small wall 1 ft. 6 in. thick. This wall contained the raised terrace on which the cloister stood. There is also at p_2 a wall $p_2p'_2$ which bonds with the wall $R_2p_2O_2$, and which runs back towards, but does not meet, the east wall of the main building PV . The purpose served by this wall $p_2p'_2$ is not clear.

Excavations were also made to find the north-west corner of the factory (W), and the north-east wing (SRR_2S_2). The north-west corner (W) was readily found. The walls here are 3 ft. 6 in. thick. From W the north wall of the factory continues in a straight line for a distance of 50 ft. 3 in., outside measurement, to V . Here it is set back 3 ft. 6 in. From this point (U) the wall again runs on in a straight line for a distance of 18 ft. to T , where it is set back 4 ft. 9 in. ($TR=4$ ft. 9 in.), and thence continues as the north wall of the north-east wing (RSS_2R_2). The wall $WVURS$ is throughout 3 ft. 6 in. thick. V , the point where this wall is first set back, is the north-east corner of the main building, where the wall WV meets the wall VP . The second set-back occurs at the point where the wall UT meets the wall TRR_1 , which runs parallel to VP and forms the east wall of the staircase on this side of the building. The wall TRR is 3 ft. 6 in. thick and 36 ft. long. Wells's plan shows a kind of projection or porch $VV'TT$ against the wall UT , but of this I found no trace.

RS the main north wall of the north-east wing is 3 ft. 6 in. thick and 61 ft. long. Parallel to it and of the same length are the walls R_1S_1 , R_2S_2 . R_1S_1 is the inner wall containing the apartments in the north-east wing of the Governor's House. It is 3 ft. 6 in. thick, and is distant 21 ft. 9 in., internal measurement, from RS . The remains of SS_1 , the east wall of this wing, are completely buried beneath the Custom House. The smaller walls rr_1 (two feet thick) qq_1 , ss_1 (each

2 ft. 9 in. thick) divide off the space between RS and R_1S_1 . The internal distance between SS_1 and ss_1 is 13 ft. 6 in.; between ss_1 and qq_1 it is 16 ft. 3 in.; between qq_1 and rr_1 it is 13 ft. 6 in.; between rr_1 and BB_1 it is 6 ft. R_1S_1 is the foundation wall carrying the arches of the north cloister. It is 41 ft. distant, internal measurement, from RS .¹⁶ Where it directly supported the pillars of the cloister it is 4 ft. 6 in. thick, elsewhere it is 3 ft. 6 in. thick.

Other excavations were made on the site of the south-east wing of the factory (LL_1O_1O), in which the governor's apartments were situated, and considerable remains of its walls were discovered. The east wall of this wing LL_1L_1 was traced out, as also portions of the south main wall of the wing LO , the inner wall containing the apartments L_1O_1 , and the wall carrying the pillars of the south cloister L_1L_1 . These walls are all 4 ft. thick. The distance of L_1O_1 from LO is 17 ft. 6 in. and that of L_1O_1 from L_1O_1 is 35 ft. At the corner of this wing 17 ft. 6 in. south of L stood an isolated pillar 3 ft. square, L' . There is also a projecting chamber $MNN'M'$ built out against the main wall LO , the walls of which are 3 ft. thick, LM measures 11 ft. 6 in. The chamber $MNN'M'$ measures inside 18 ft. by 23 ft. The distance of L from the east curtain wall is 146 ft., that of S from the east curtain is 148 ft.: thus the north and south alignment of the Governor's House is very nearly parallel to the east curtain.

Now pass on to speak of the south curtain wall and the arcades built within it. This side of the fort was in all probability used for storing the Company's goods. As originally constructed it had only two parallel lines of arches built along the inside of the curtain forming a double arcade and beyond these arcades, (i. e., on their north side) was an unroofed raised terrace 22 ft. broad. Afterwards a portion of this raised platform was covered in by a third arcade. It also seems to have been found necessary to strengthen the south curtain wall by building another wall against it to support it. Lastly, in 1741, export and import warehouses were built on outside the south curtain. Evidently this side of the fort was subject to a good deal of alteration, and for this reason or it may be from a desire to make the fort appear more symmetrical than it really was, Wells's plan comes far short of its usual accuracy. I have, accordingly, had some difficulty in determining the topography of this side of the fort, but my doubts have all yielded to patient excavation. The key to their solution was the discovery of the third or innermost of the lines of arches parallel to the south curtain.

¹⁶ This seems a little doubtful. The walls were very thick here, with a footing.

After making a careful search in every likely direction where I might expect to come across them, I find that the third line of these arches was built on the alignment of what is now the north face of the waggon shed in the Post Office yard. The foundations of this wall (D_3E_3) have been exposed. It is 2 ft. 6 in. thick and is built against another smaller wall 10 in. thick which is in contact with it, all along its south side but does not bond with it. There can be no doubt about the meaning of this. The smaller wall contained a raised terrace or platform in front of the arcades D_1F_1 , D_2F_2 . This platform was at first left open, but was afterwards covered in by an arcade, and a thick wall was built against the thin wall containing the platform to support the arches of the new arcade. Clearly then this wall D_3E_3 is the foundation wall of the third row of arches parallel to the south curtain. If this be so there can be no doubt about the situation of the curtain and the two other parallel lines of arches, of which in fact portions still remain standing. In the yard of the General Post Office there is an old arcade and arches which at its west end joins on to a very old house. This old house has been lately used as the store-godown of the Post Office, and the arches serve for a shed to keep the Post Office waggons in. The north side of the waggon-shed e_3i_3 is a modern wall constructed on the alignment of the third arcade wall of the old fort D_3E_3 ; but the two lines of arches e_1i_1 , e_2i_2 (of which the first e_1i_1 forms the south face of the shed, and the second e_2i_2 runs down its centre) are manifestly portions of the first and second lines of arches D_1F_1 , D_2F_2 , which ran parallel to the south curtain of the old fort. This agrees with the traditions of the spot and has been proved by my excavations. The arcade e_1i_1 , i_2e_2 is a fragment. At its west end I find that four more of its pillars, i_3i_4 , F_1F_2 , are built into the old Post Office godown; and on opening up the ground to the east of the arcade I found that the line of arches e_2i_2 has a foundation wall which runs on eastward underground as $e_2e'_2$, and that the line of arches e_1i_1 rests on isolated brick piers which are also continued eastward, and one of which I was able to expose e'_1 .¹⁷ Moreover the arcade e_1i_1 , i_2e_2 is a fragment of the old fort. It is built of the old thin bricks, the pillars are sunk deep below the present ground level. The foundation wall which carries the line of arches e_2i_2 is 3 ft. 4 in. thick. The production of this wall e_2i_2 is at a distance of 22 ft. 6 in. internal measurement from the wall D_3E_3 , which I have identified as the foundation wall of the third or innermost line of arches parallel to the south curtain. This is just the distance which Wells's plan shows between the third and the second lines of these

¹⁷ It is 3 ft. 7 in. square at the top, and 4 ft. 8 in. square at its base.

arches, and hence I consider that e_2i_2 is a segment of the second line of arches. The pillars of these arches are 13 ft. 8 in. distant from each other from centre to centre. For similar reasons I identify the line of arches $e_1f_1f'_1g'_1g_1i_1$ as segment of the first of the lines of arches within the south curtain. The line of arches e_1f_1 is 19 ft. distant from the line of arches e_2f_2 , by internal measurement. From e_1 to f_1 , a distance of 42 ft. 9 in., it runs straight on parallel to e_2f_2 . Then the whole line of arches is brought out 4 ft. 10 in. further south ($f_1f'_1$). Then again it continues to run parallel to the wall e_2i_2 for 82 ft. 10 in. ($f'_1g'_1$) after which it returns to its old alignment (g_1i_1). Both as regards its distance from the wall e_2i_2 , which I have argued is the second line of arches parallel to the curtain, and as regards the irregularity of its conformation, the line of arches $e_1f_1f'_1g'_1g_1i_1$ corresponds to the representation given in Wells's plan of the first line of arches within the south curtain, and I think there can be no doubt that it is a segment of that line of arches. Near the south-west corner of the old waggon shed a wall k about 9 ft. thick projects in front of and parallel to the arches; another portion of it is hidden away in the old Post Office Store Godown. This is all that actually remains of the south curtain, but by opening up the ground in the yard of the Post Office I have been able to trace out its position and foundations. The original curtain wall was 3 ft. 2 in. thick. Within it, *i. e.*, on its north side, there was built another wall which was intended to support and strengthen the curtain wall. This wall is irregularly constructed and varies in thickness. At first it is about 3 ft. 8 in. thick with a space of 6 in. left in some places between it and the curtain wall. At f it ends in a buttress about 2 ft. 4 in. thick. The south curtain wall is met on its south face by a wall about 2 ft. 2 in. broad, at a point h , 53 ft. distant from k where the curtain is now cut away. The 2 ft. 2 in. wall runs southwards and a little to the eastwards, for a distance of 24 ft. Then it turns off eastwards. This wall is the wall shown in Wells's plan dividing the warehouses from the yard ω . Its discovery in the position indicated for it in Wells's plan places the identification of the south curtain wall beyond dispute.

I have already pointed out one serious inaccuracy in Wells's plan. He makes the east curtain inclined at an angle to the north and south alignment of the Governor's House in the Fort, whereas they really are parallel to each other. I have now to call attention to another serious inaccuracy in Wells's plan. I have shown that D_2E_2 is the northernmost of the three lines of arches built inside the south curtain wall. Its distance from the centre of the east gate is 162 ft. whereas Wells makes it only 150 ft.

As regards the north side of the fort, I have not much to add to what Mr. Bayne discovered in 1883. I have, however, verified by excavation the position of the range of rooms which divided the fort into two, and which, I believe, to have been the 'Writers' Buildings' in the old fort. The south wall of these buildings, JG , is about 60 ft. distant from W , the north-west corner of the Governor's House. At J , 99 ft. from the west curtain wall, there is a passage through the block of buildings 15 ft. wide. The wall JG is 3 ft. 2 in. broad,¹⁸ north of it, and parallel to it, at a distance of 19 ft. internal measurement, is a wall J_1j_2 . I also found a cross wall j_2j_3 to the west of JJ_1 and distant from it 24 ft. internally. These cross walls JJ_1 , and j_2j_3 , are 2 ft. 1 in. thick, J_1j_2 is 2 ft. thick. East of the passage we have no continuous wall corresponding with JG , but we find instead the bases of a row of columns YZ . These bases are 11 ft. apart from centre to centre, and measure about 3 ft. by 2 ft. each. At a distance of 9 ft. internally from the row of columns and parallel to it, is an inner wall Y_1Z_1 , 2 ft. thick. The wall YY_1 is 2 ft. 8 in. thick. I have not thought it necessary to trace out the walls YZ , Y_1Z_1 , along their whole length. I have merely exposed Z_1 , the termination of the wall Y_1Z_1 , where it meets the wall Z_1Z . The south face of the wall Y_1Z_1 is here 22 ft. 6 in. distant from the wall of the present Custom House. Z_1 is also about 190 ft. from the centre of the east gate of the fort, and 30 ft. from the east curtain wall by internal measurement. The whole length of wall Y_1Z_1 internally is 174 ft. 6 in. The breadth of Y_1Z_1 and ZZ_1 is 2 ft. All these walls are of poor construction. The buildings here were, in fact, low, one-storied structures, as is evident from the old views of the fort. This also agrees with the supposition that they were inhabited by the writers, for we gather from the records¹⁹ that their lodgings were very damp and unhealthy.

As regards the west curtain I have little to say. Its alignment was determined by Mr. Bayne. I have verified it by excavation at three different spots X_1 , X_2 , X_3 . At X_1 near the south-west bastion of the fort, the curtain wall is unusually thick and measures 6 ft. This is probably due to the same cause which led to the strengthening of the south curtain wall in this direction.

¹⁸ I have not been able to trace this wall westwards from J for more than about 40 ft. At this point the remains became very confusing. I could only find a small wall 1 ft. 10 in. broad which met the thicker 3 ft. 2 in. wall on its northern face, and which I traced westwards up to the west curtain.

¹⁹ See a letter from the Court of Directors, February 11th, 1756, para. 69, in *Long's Selections*.

It now remains for me to speak of the east side of the fort. The central line of the east gate is 427 ft. from the corner of the north-east bastion, the position of which was fixed by Mr. Bayne in 1883. The East Gate and the east side of the fort. the gate measures internally 20 ft. from north to south and 36 ft. from east to west. The east face measures externally 26 ft. 6 in. Its salient angles $B B' C$, $B' C' C$ are angles of 120 degrees. The walls are 4 ft. thick. The south wall of the gate $C' C_1 C_2$ was pierced by a drain which was met at an angle by a second drain running north-east.

On each side of the east gate there ran a double row of arches $A_1 B_1$, $A_2 B_2$, and $C_1 D_1$, $C_2 D_2$, parallel to the east curtain wall AB , OD . The space between the curtain wall and the line of arches next to it (i. e. between AB and $A_1 B_1$ and between OD and $C_1 D_1$) was divided up by cross walls into chambers. The second row of arches $A_2 B_2$, $C_2 D_2$ supported the verandah or piazza which extended on each side of the gate before the ranges of chambers.

As regards the rooms to the north of the gate between the east curtain and the line of arches $A_1 B_1$, there is little to say. Wells's plan shows that the first cross wall occurred after the fifth arch. The arches thus cut off were left open to the verandah and formed the north court of guard. But the whole interest of these investigations centres in the topography of the range of rooms on the other side of the gate where were situated the court of guard, the barracks, and the Black Hole spoken of by Orme and Holwell. There is no doubt about the position of the curtain wall (CD) and the parallel lines of arches within it ($C_1 D_1$, $C_2 D_2$). They have been traced out from the east gate right up to the north face of the General Post Office. The curtain wall CD is 3 ft. 9 in. thick. The foundation wall which carried the first line of arches $C_1 D_1$ is 2 ft. 9 in. thick, that which carries the second line of arches $C_2 D_2$ is 2 ft. 3 in. thick. Between the curtain wall and the wall $C_1 D_1$ is a distance of 14 ft. 10 in. and between the curtain and $C_2 D_2$ a distance of 31 ft. 3 in. from inside to inside. The wall $C_2 D_2$ meets the wall $D_3 E_3$ at a distance of 162 ft. from the centre of the east gate. So far the topography of this part of the fort is perfectly clear.

There is, however, considerable difficulty in determining the positions of the cross walls which sub-divided the space between CD and $C_1 D_1$ into rooms. Here, as I noticed before, Wells's plan is quite inaccurate. It shortens the distance between the east gate and the south-east

The cross walls south of the gate.

bastion, and so vitiates its whole representation of this corner of the fort. In the case of the cross walls it is not easy to check the errors of the plan by actual excavation, for we cannot always expect to find trace of the cross walls which may have been very slightly constructed. As a matter of fact only two cross walls have been actually discovered by excavation. One of these dd_1 , was found by Mr. Bayne in 1883 and was again brought to light by me in 1891. This wall is 1 ft. 6 in. thick, and is 145 ft. 6 in. from the centre of the east gate. Mr. Bayne thought that this wall was the north wall of the Black Hole, I shall show that it is probably the south wall of the prison. The other cross wall (bb_1) is a much more solid wall than the wall just described (dd_1). It is 2 ft. thick and is at a distance of 100 ft from the centre of the gate.

The position of two other cross walls may be inferred in the following way. A little to the south of cross wall bb_1 there was a subterranean chamber or vault $b'b'_1c'_1$ which attracted much notice when it was first discovered. Internally this vault measured 19 ft. 3 in. north and south, by 9 ft. 9 in. east and west. It was 7 ft. 2 in. deep. Its walls were 1 ft. 6 in. thick and were covered with a hard coating of plaster. The floor over the vault was carried across by four beams, the holes where the ends of the beams rested being clearly visible. The west wall of the vault ($b'_1c'_1$) was built against the foundation wall of the first line of arches C_1D_1 . The north face of the north wall of the vault $b'b'_1$ was 3 ft. 3 in. distant from the south face of the cross-wall bb_1 . The internal distance between the east wall of the vault ($b'c'$) and the curtain was 2 ft. 3 in. In this part of the curtain wall (bc) an iron grating was found, built up inside the brick work of the wall just below the level of the floor. It seems to have served no special purpose. The south wall of the vault $c'c'_1$ was coated with plaster on both sides. Its north face was plastered down to the level of the floor of the vault. Its south face was plastered down to a foot below the level of the floor of the chambers along the east curtain. This would seem to show that wall $c'c'_1$ was continued up above the floor level so as to form a cross wall cc_1 dividing up the space between bb_1 and dd_1 , and, I believe, that this was so because there must surely have been a cross wall between bb_1 and dd_1 , and I do not see where else it could have been conveniently placed except above $c'c'_1$ as cc_1 . The north face of this wall will be distant 126 ft. from the centre of the east gate.

There is somewhat similar evidence for the existence of another cross wall aa_1 north of bb_1 . Inside the curtain wall (at ab) there was built another wall $a'a'_1$ 1 ft. 6 in. and 24 ft. long which was carried up to within a foot of the floor level of the range of chambers along the

east curtain. This wall and the north face of the wall bb_1 were plastered to a depth of about 7 ft. below the floor level almost to the foundation of the walls. This seems to show that there was another vault immediately north of the wall bb_1 , and that the wall $a'a_1$ carried the flooring of the room above. As the wall $a'a_1$ is about 24 ft. long, I infer that this was the length of the vault and also of the room above it and, I think, that at 24 ft. north of bb_1 there was another cross wall like bb_1 which below the floor level served as the north wall of a vault and above the floor level was a cross wall sub-dividing the space between the curtain and C_1D_1 .

In this way I have been able to prove by excavation the existence of four cross walls aa_1 , bb_1 , cc_2 , dd_1 . But this is not enough. It is still necessary to consider whether, as Wells's plan implies, there were any other walls besides these four, and in particular whether there were any to the south of dd_1 . For the Black Hole was the southernmost of the rooms built along this part of the east curtain. Consequently its site must be immediately to the north of the last cross wall, and its site is known if the position of the southernmost cross wall is known. I have accordingly traced out the wall C_1D_1 , which contained the chambers built against this part of the east curtain, to a point d'_1 , 166 ft. from the centre of the east gate, where this containing wall stops. Beyond d'_1 there is only a small thin wall, built, I suppose, to contain a pavement. There could have been no cross walls beyond d'_1 , and I have found no trace of any between d_1 and d'_1 . It therefore follows that dd_1 is the southernmost cross wall. I have also traced out the east verandah wall C_2D_3 to D_3 , 166 ft. from the centre of the east gate, where C_2D_3 meets the wall D_3E_3 which carried the third or innermost line of arches on the south side of the fort. Thus my excavations prove that dd_1 is the southernmost cross wall, and that it occurred at about 20 ft. north of the end of the containing wall C_1D_1 , and also at about the same distance north of the junction of the verandah wall C_2D_3 with the third line of arches on the south side D_3E_3 .

This also agrees on the whole with Wells's plan which represents the last cross wall as occurring about 16 ft.

Comparison of Wells's plan with the results of excavation.

or 18 ft. north of the end of the containing wall and of the junction between the east verandah wall and the inner line of arches on the south side of the fort. Wells's plan, however, does not exactly agree with the results obtained by excavation as to distances, but this is accounted for by the fact that the length of the curtain wall between the east gate and the south-east bastion is too short by about 12 feet. Whoever it was, who actually drew the plan, he did not discover his

mistake till he came to put in the details of the rooms along the east curtain south of the gate. Then, finding that there was not sufficient room to put those details in properly, he crowded them in together. This, I think, is clearly the case with the cross walls. The discrepancies between Wells's plan and the results obtained by actual excavation may be exhibited as follows:—

Wells's plan shows walls at	43, 70, 95, 108, 122, 135 ft.	} from the centre of the East gate.
Excavation shows walls at	75, 100, 126, 146 ft.	

Looking at this comparative table, and remembering that Wells's distances are short of the true distances, we easily discover which walls correspond. The first cross wall shown by excavation (aa_1) corresponds to the second wall given in Wells's plan. The second cross wall shown by excavation (bb_1) corresponds to the third wall in Wells's plan. The fourth cross wall shown by excavation (cc_1) corresponds to the fifth wall in Wells's plan; and the last wall in Wells's plan corresponds to the last wall shown by excavation. The two missing walls not shown by excavation are the first cross wall of Wells's plan, which was the south wall of the barracks (μ), and the fourth wall of Wells's plan which must have come between bb_1 and cc_1 . This wall could not have been a very substantial one, as it must have been built over the subterranean chamber $b'b_1'c'c_1'$. The room π in Wells's plan, which is the southernmost of the series of rooms built within this part of the east curtain, and is, therefore, the Black Hole, corresponds with the space cc_1dd_1 . This is the site of the Black Hole. As regards the staircase to the south-east bastion, I have unfortunately very little to say. This staircase is mentioned by Holwell and is shown by Wells in his plan. It is a long staircase. Its head is put by Wells at about 8 ft. from the south face of the southernmost cross wall, and its foot at a distance of about 50 ft. I have not been able to find any traces of it by excavation, but I see no reason for doubting its position to be correctly marked by Wells.

If I might be permitted to make a few conjectures I should arrange

**Arrangement of the
rooms along the east
curtain.**

the rooms along the east curtain thus. The whole range of rooms is contained between the south wall of the east gate CC_1C_2 and the cross wall dd_1 and between the east curtain CD and the first line of arches parallel in the curtain C_1D_1 . The pillars of these arches were about 8 ft. 9 in. distant from each other from centre to centre. West of them came a second parallel line of arches, C_2D_2 forming the piazza before the rooms. The first of the cross walls dividing off the rooms occurred after the fourth arch in the first line of arches C_1D_1 . Thus it would be about 35 ft. distant from the wall CC_1C_2 . These four arches were left quite open to the

piazza west of them, and formed the court of guard south of the gate. Three arches further on was another cross wall aa_1 . If this wall occurred exactly after the seventh of the first line of arches O_1D_1 and I am right in believing that these arches measured 8 ft. 9 in. from centre to centre, then the centre of the cross wall aa_1 would be 61 ft. 3 in. from the south face of the wall CO_1C_2 . If we rely on the evidence of the excavations its north face was 60 ft. 3 in. from the south face of CO_1C_2 . The next cross wall bb_1 occurred after the tenth arch. As shown by the excavations its north face was 86 ft. distant from the south face of the wall CO_1C_2 , or if we reckon its distance according to the arches, its centre will be 87 ft. 6 in. from CO_1C_2 . I have argued that another cross wall cc_1 was 126 ft. distant from the centre of the east gate, that is its north face is 112 ft. from the south face of CO_1C_2 ; and if we reckon that this wall came after the thirteenth arch its centre will be 113 ft. 9 in. from CO_1C_2 . The last cross wall dd_1 is 131 ft. 6 in. from CO_1C_2 , or if we reckon that it came after the fifteenth arch its centre would be about 131 ft. 3 in. distant. The room cut off by the walls cc_1, dd_1 , is the Black Hole. It measured internally 18 ft. by 14 ft. 10 in. It was bounded on the east by the curtain, on the south by the wall dd_1 , on the north by the wall cc_1 , and on the west by the fourteenth and fifteenth arches of the first line of arches parallel to the east curtain O_1D_1 . These two arches were bricked up and only a window was left in the centre of each. Along the east wall of the Black Hole was a wooden platform about six feet broad and raised three or four feet from the ground, open underneath. It probably projected from the east wall as far as the door in the north wall cc_1 . This door opened inwards. The three rooms between the court of guard and the Black Hole were the barracks. They were bounded on the east by the curtain wall, along which ran a wooden platform similar to that in the Black Hole. The nine arches which bounded the barracks on the south, (*i. e.*, the fifth to the thirteenth arches inclusive) were partially closed by a dwarf wall, or, as Holwell calls it, a parapet wall. The rooms opened one into another and a door in the wall cc_1 led to the Black Hole. South of the Black Hole there were no more rooms, the remaining space being taken up by a straight staircase, fifty feet long, built against the east curtain wall, leading to the south-east bastion.

I believe that this arrangement of the rooms will satisfy all the requirements of Holwell's narrative. The barracks according to him would have been a fairly comfortable place for 146 persons to spend the night in. I make the whole area of the barracks to be 72 ft. by 14 ft. 10 in. This gives 7 sq. ft. 45 sq. in. for each individual. The area of

Black Hole is 18 ft. by 14 ft. 10 in. This allows just 267 sq. ft. of area for 146 persons, or less than 2 sq. ft. each.⁸⁰

The result of all this fresh discussion is to place the site of the Black Hole prison immediately to the north of the site fixed for it by Mr. Bayne, so that Mr. Bayne's conclusion was not so far wrong. Mr.

Difference between these views and those of Mr. Bayne.

Bayne, however, arrived at his conclusion from two utterly false premises. His first premise was that the south-east corner of the fort was just like the north-east corner. This was completely refuted by Mr. Munro in 1889 when he produced Wells's plan of the fort. Mr. Bayne's second premise was, that the dimensions of the fort stated by Orme in the text of his history and shown in the accompanying plan, were absolutely correct, and Mr. Bayne still held to this belief even though he discovered that there was an error somewhere in Orme's plan when he tried to superpose it upon Simms's Survey of Calcutta. The excavations which I have made prove that the dimensions given by Orme are only approximately correct, accurate enough for the purposes of his history, but not accurate enough for the purpose of settling minute points of topography. Fortunately for Mr. Bayne, the errors of his two premises counteracted each other, and thus, when he made an excavation in the passage north of the General Post Office, where he expected to find the Black Hole, he actually did come across one of its walls. But, like words, walls cannot be interpreted apart from their context. Mr. Bayne was prevented at the time from finding the right context, and he therefore failed to understand these walls; I have merely been more fortunate in my opportunities, and have been able to secure the right context.

Only a few more miscellaneous points as to the topography of the

Miscellaneous points.

old fort remain to be mentioned. Besides the two drains already spoken of, which I found by the east gate, I also came across a piece of another old surface drain running along the west side of the verandah which extended before the chambers built inside the east curtain. This drain is 4 ft. wide at the top and 2 ft. at the bottom. Its eastern edge is 5 ft. distant internally from the verandah wall C_2D_2 . There is also an old well about 50 ft. east of the east wall of the Governor's House in the fort, and 23 ft. south of its central line, which may have been part of

⁸⁰ The only cross wall shown in Wells's plan which I have not accounted for is the wall between the rooms v and o . If what I have said as to the other cross walls is correct, this cross wall should come between bb_1 and cc_1 . It could not then have been a substantial wall as it would have been built over the subterranean chamber $b'b'_1c'c'_1$. Could this wall have been meant for the wall $b'b'_1$?

the old building. The main walls of the buildings are brick in lime, the minor walls are brick in mud. The parade ground is paved with brick on edge over one flat, covered with six inches of concrete. Its level was visible everywhere in section. If we reckon the level of the curb stone of the footpath in Dalhousie Square as 100 ft. then the level of the parade ground would be 98·07 ft., i. e., a little less than 2 ft. lower down. The level of the floors of the rooms varied. The level of the floor over the subterranean vault was 99·24 ft. At about the middle of the set of rooms built along the east curtain it was 98·5 ft.



A Specimen of the Padumāwati.—By

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The following is an attempt to give a correct text of a portion of the Padumāwati,¹ or Padmāvati of Malik Muḥammad of Jāyas in Oudh. He flourished under Shēr Shāh in the year 1540 A. D., and numerous MSS. of his great poem are in existence.

The value of the Padumāwati consists chiefly in its age. Malik Muḥammad is, I believe, the oldest vernacular poet of Hindūstān of whom we have any uncontested remains. Chand Bar'dāi was much older, but the genuineness of his Prithirāj Rāy'sā is denied by many competent scholars. Vidyāpati Thākur, who lived in the year 1400 A. D. has only left us a few songs which have come down to us through five centuries of oral transmission, and which now cannot be in the form in which they were written. The preservation of the Padumāwati is due mainly to the happy accident of Malik Muḥammad's religious reputation. Although profoundly affected by the teaching of Kabir, and familiarly acquainted with Hindū lore, and with the Hindū Yōga philosophy, he was from the first revered as a saint by his Muḥammadan co-religionists.

He wrote his poem in what was evidently the actual vernacular of his time, tinged slightly with an admixture of a few Persian words and idioms due to his Musalmān predilections. It is also due to his religion that he originally wrote it in the Persian character, and hence

¹ The author himself invariably spells the word thus.

discarded all the favourite devices of paṇḍits, who tried to make their language correct by spelling (while they did not pronounce) vernacular words in the Sanskrit fashion. He had no temptation to do this. The Persian character did not lend itself to any such false antiquarianism. He spelled each word rigorously as it was pronounced. His work is hence a valuable witness to the actual condition of the vernacular language of Northern India in the 16th century. It is, so far as it goes, and with the exception of a few hints in Alberuni's *Indica*, the only trustworthy witness which we have. It is trustworthy, however, only to a certain extent, for it often merely gives the consonantal frame work of the words, the vowels, as is usual in Persian MSS., being generally omitted. Fortunately, the vowels can generally be inserted correctly with the help of a few Dēvanāgarī MSS. of the poem which are in my possession.

Besides its interest as a key to a philological puzzle, the *Padumāwati* also deserves notice for its contents. In itself it is a fine poetical work, and one of the few original ones, not dealing with either Rāma or Kṛishṇa, with which I am acquainted in any Indian language. It is also remarkable for the vein of tolerance which runs through it,—a tolerance in every way worthy of Kabīr or of Tul'sī Dās. The story of the poem has been a favourite one with eastern authors. Husain Ghaznawī wrote a Persian poem on the subject, entitled *Qissae Padmāwat*. Rai Gōbind Munshī in 1652 A. D. wrote a version in Persian prose, called (after the chronogram of its date) *Tukfatu'l-Kulūb*. Again Mir Ziyā'u'd-dīn 'Ibrat, and Ghulām 'Alī 'Ishrat wrote a joint version in Urdū verse in 1796 A. D. Malik Muḥammad's poem was written in 1540 A. D.

Concerning the author little is known. He tells us himself that he was the disciple of Sayyad Muḥīu'd-dīn. He studied Sanskrit Prosody and Rhetoric from Hindu Paṇḍits at Jāyas. He belonged to the *Chistiyyā Niẓāmiyyā*, that is to say, he was the eleventh disciple in descent from the well-known Niẓāmu'd-dīn, who died in 1325 A. D. Muḥīu'd-dīn's teacher was Shaikh Burhān, who resided at Kalpī in Bundēlkhāṇḍ, and who is said to have died at the age of a hundred years in A. D. 1562-63. The poet was patronized by Shēr Shāh.

The only other fact which we know for certain is that he was blind of one eye. I have collected the following traditions about him. One of Shēr Shāh's allies was Jagat Dēv, (enthroned 1527 A. D.: died 1573 A. D.), Mahārāj of Ghāzipur and Bhoj'pur. He was present at the battle of Bagh'sar (Buxar) in which Shēr Shāh defeated Humāyūn. Malik Muḥammad is said to have attended his court. Two of Malik Muḥammad's four friends, whom he mentions in his poem (22) were

also patronised by Jagat Dēv. These were Yūsaf Malik and Salōnē Singh (whom Malik Muḥammad calls Miyā as if he was a Muṣalmān). It is said that another attendant at Jagat Dēv's court was a *Katthak*, named Gandharv Rāj, who was skilled in the art of singing. Malik Muḥammad was greatly attached to him and gave him his blessing, prophesying that skill in song would always remain in his family, and, at the same time, begging him to take, as a sign of affection, his title of Malik. Ever since, Gandharv Rāj's descendants have called themselves Malik, and members of the family still live in Talūkā Raipurā and at Haldī in Baliyā District, and are renowned singers.

It is said that the Rājā of Amēṭhī was childless, but was granted a son, in consequence of the prayers of Malik Muḥammad. When the poet died, he was buried at Amēṭhī, and his tomb is still shown, and worshipped by believers. Malik Muḥammad's two friends, Malik Yūsaf and Salōnē, died in what is now the district of Gōrakh'pur, from a surfeit of mangoes. Malik Muḥammad was with them at the time, and himself narrowly escaped. The mangoes are said to have been infested by poisonous insects.

The text of the Padumāwati, being in the ṭhēṭh Hindi language, and written in the Persian character, is very difficult both to read and to understand. It has been frequently transliterated into the Nāgarī character, but the transcriptions, whether MS. or printed, are full of mistakes, generally guesses to make the meaning clear. The best transliterated edition is that by Paṇḍit Rām Jasan of Banāras; but even in his case (putting instances of sanskritization out of sight) hardly a line is correct. There are several printed editions in the Persian character, but they too are all incorrect. I have been fortunate enough to become possessed of several old MSS. of the poem in the Persian character, and by diligent comparison I have endeavoured to reproduce, in the Nāgarī character, the actual words written by the poet. A glance at the critical notes will show the labour involved in the task. I have also endeavoured to give a tentative translation of text as I went along.

To the text, I append an analysis of the whole poem, which may prove interesting. It must, however, be understood that I do not guarantee its entire correctness. There are many passages which I do not yet understand, and which await further examination. I hope, in process of time, to publish, jointly with Mahāmahōpadhyāya Paṇḍit Sūdhākara Dvivēdī, F.A.U., a complete and satisfactory edition of the whole poem. Of that edition, the present specimens may be taken as a provisional sample, and I shall be most grateful for any suggestions which reach me in time to improve the larger work.

For the purposes of these specimens, I have used the following MSS.:—

A. MSS. in Persian character (marked collectively as P).

- (1) India Office Library, Pers. Cat. 1018. Dated 1107 Hij. = 1695 A. D. (Ia). "
- (2) Ditto No. 1975. Vowel marks freely used. Correctly written. Dated 1109 Hij. = 1697 A. D. (Ib).
- (3) Ditto No. 1819. Vowel points inserted in red ink by a later hand. Dated 1114 Hij. = 1702 A. D. (Ic).
- (4) India Office Library, Urdu Catalogue, No. 3130. Few vowel points. In two different handwritings. No date, (Id).

All these Persian MSS. are very fairly correct. I have taken Ib, as the basis throughout.

B. MSS. in the Dēva Nāgarī character (marked collectively as N).

- (1) India Office Library, Sanskrit Catalogue, No. 2471. A magnificent copy, profusely illustrated. Written by Thānā Kāyath of Mirzāpur. No date. Spelling highly Sanskritized (Is).

I must here express my thanks to Dr. Rost, and the authorities of the India Office Library, for the loan of the above MSS.

- (2) A well written copy kindly lent me by Kavirāj Syāmal Dās, belonging to the library of the Mahārāj of Udaipur. Spelling not so Sanskritized. Dated Sambat 1895 = 1838 A. D. (U).

C. MS. in the Kaithī character.

- (1) A clearly written copy. With very irregular spelling: and many important variations in the readings. Written in Sambat 1812 = 1755 A. D. (K).

In editing the text I have adopted the following principles as regards spelling. Prākṛit words are spelt as in the Persian copies. When the Persian copies give vowels, those vowels are adopted. When no vowels are given, I have used my judgment in adopting the vowels given in the Dēvanāgarī and Kaithī copies.

On the other hand, for precisely similar reasons, I have generally adopted the spelling of Arabic and Persian words which is best vouched for by the Dēvanāgarī and Kaithī copies. Such words are phonetically spelt in that alphabet.

U and K uniformly write उ as ऋ. I have not followed them in this. When U, as it frequently does, gives a short u as the final vowel of a Prākṛit substantive, I have generally adopted it, unless the use of the vowel is contradicted by the Persian copies.

The termination न्ह, is capable of being read as equivalent to either the plural oblique termination न्, or to the singular oblique termination न् or न्. Unless the context showed that न् is required, I have transliterated it न्. Even in the best Persian MSS. the nasal is inserted so capriciously, that it is at least doubtful whether it should be used in the singular, and I have accordingly followed the best Dēvanāgarī MSS., in omitting it, in this case, throughout.

The metro of the poem consists of stanzas of seven *caupāis* followed by a *dōhā*. In the latter, a *mātrā* is frequently omitted in the first half. In the *caupāis*, accent is frequently used instead of quantity, a short accented syllable being treated as a long one, especially at the end of a line. Malik Muḥammad wrote long before Kāçav Dās laid down the canons of Hindī metre. Such accented short syllables I have marked, in transliteration with an acute accent, thus,—*nīramārē* (II, 3).

I regret that the scheme of transliteration into the Roman character is not that usually adopted in this *Journal*. For various reasons, which it is not necessary to give here, I have been compelled to adhere more closely to that used in the Bihārī Dictionary by Dr. Hoernle and myself.

SCHEME OF TRANSLITERATION ADOPTED IN THIS PAPER:—

अ a, आ ā, इ i, ई ī, उ u, ऊ ū, ए e, ऐ ē, ओ o, औ ō. • -, thus अ ā, आ ā, इ i, ई ī, and so on. — m.

The following vowels occur only in a few Sanskrit words, अ ri, ऐ ai, औ au. In Tadbhava words ऐ and औ do not occur. अर is transliterated ai and अउ au. In Nāgarī MSS. when ऐ and औ occur they are plainly stenographic signs for अर and अउ. This is frequently shown by the metre. There is no danger of confusing अर, अउ, and ऐ, औ, for they appear in distinct classes of words, अर, अउ, are always in Tadbhava words, or in corrupted Tatsama words, ऐ and औ occur only in words lifted bodily from Sanskrit:—

क k, ख kh, ग g, घ gh, ङ ṅ.

च c, छ ch, ज j, झ zh, ञ ṇ.

ट t, ठ th, ड d, ढ dh, ण ṇ.

त t, थ th, द d, ध dh, न n.

प p, फ ph, ब b, भ bh, म m.

य y, र r, ल l, व v, (or in Sanskrit words v).

श s, ष s, ह h.

श् only occurs in Persian words, representing the Persian ش, or in pure Sanskrit words. In the former case it is transliterated sh, and in the latter by ç.

Arabic and Persian letters.

ث s, ح h, خ kh, ذ z, ز z, ژ zh, ص s, ض z, ط t, ظ z, ع ' , غ gh, ف f, ق q.

अथ असमृति खंड ॥ १ ॥

चोपार ।

सर्वरं अदि एक करताक । जेर जिउ दीन्ह कीन्ह संसाक ॥
 कीन्हसि प्रथम जोति परमाक । कीन्हसि तेहि परवत कबिहाक ॥
 कीन्हसि अगिनि पवन जल्ल सेहा । कीन्हसि बडतर रंग उरिहा ॥
 कीन्हसि धरती सरग पताक । कीन्हसि बरन बरन अउताक ॥
 कीन्हसि सर्पत दीप ब्रह्मंडा । कीन्हसि भुषन चउदह उ खंडा ॥
 कीन्हसि दिन दिनियर ससि राती । कीन्हसि नखत तराणन पाती ॥
 कीन्हसि सीउ भूप अउ बाही । कीन्हसि मेव बीज तेहि माही ॥

दीहा

कीन्ह सवर अस जा कर दोसर बाज न बाहि ।

पहिसर तेहि कर नाउं सोर कया करउं अउगाहि ॥ १ ॥

Critical notes.

1. 2. *Kinhesi*, so apparently Ib, which seems to vocalize the final *س*. The word may, however, be also read *kinhisa* for *kinhesa*. The other copies in the Persian character simply have *کینهس*, which may be read either *kinhesi*, *kinhasi*, or *kinhasa*. Is and K have *kinhegi* for *kinhesi*. U has *kinhasa*. Throughout the poem a short *e* is inserted to form the past tense. Thus, *dēkhasi*, he sees, *dēkhesi*, he saw. Ia *tinhaḥi prīti kabilāsū*, Ib *parabata kabilāsū*, Id *parabata kailāsū*, Is *tēhi prīti ka bilāsū*, U *tihi parabata ka bilāsū*. In the Persian character *پریت* and *پریت* and *کیلاسو* and *کبالسو* are easily confused. In each case it is a question of a dot. There can be no doubt about the form *kabilāsū* for *kailāsū* being right. The word is of frequent occurrence in the poem, and is invariably spelt thus in the best MSS. It is a curious corruption, and has puzzled all copyists with Sanskrit predilections. 3. Ib has *paṇana ayini*, K *agni pauna*, Is *bahutai*, UK *bahutē*, P give no clue. 4. Is *awatārū*.

5. Ia *kinhesi sapata dīpa brahamaṇḍā*Ib „ „ *lōga* „Ic „ *sāta saraga* „Id „ (illegible) ? *sēta pēta mahi bhaṇḍā*Is *kinhesi sata sata brahamanḍā* (sic)U *kinhasa sāta saraga* „K *kinhesi* „ *dīpa* „

Two printed editions follow Ia, except having *mahi* instead of *dīpa*. Ia is adopted as making the best sense. 6. Ib *duniara*, U *dinakara*, K *duniā*. Printed editions *dinēsa*. 7. Is *kinhesi sīta ghāma*. 8. Id *kinhasi saba asa*. Ias *dusarahi*, U *dusarahu*. 9. Ia *tā kara nḍu*, K *karatā kai nḍu lei*, Is *kathā kahaḥi*, Id *ارک*, Is *arigāhu*, printed editions and K *uragāhu*.

Translation.

(1). I bear in mind that one and only primal Maker, who gave life and made the world. First made He manifest the Light, then

made He (for the Light) the mighty mountain Kailāsa.¹ He made the fire, the air, the water, and the dust. He made forms² of varied hue. He made the Earth, and Heaven, and Hell; and he made incarnations in many persons.³ He made the mundane egg⁴ with its seven⁵ regions. He made the universe with its fourteen⁶ worlds. He made the sun for the day, and the moon for the night; He made the asterisms and the systems of the stars. He made coolness, sunshine and shade; He made the clouds and lightning (that abideth) in them.

All things are so made by Him, that naught is worthy to be compared with Him. First take I His name, and then in deep thought do I begin⁷ my story.

चो ॥ कौन्हेसि सात उ ससुंद अपारा । कौन्हेसि मेव खिचिंद पवारा ॥
 कौन्हेसि बदी मार उउ भरना । कौन्हेसि मगर मन्ह बड बरना ॥
 कौन्हेसि वीप भेति तेहि भरे । कौन्हेसि बडतर नम निरमरे ॥
 कौन्हेसि वन-खंड उउ जरि मुरी । कौन्हेसि तरिवर तार खजूरी ॥
 कौन्हेसि साउज बारन रचरी । कौन्हेसि पंचि उउहिं जहं चररी ॥
 कौन्हेसि वरन सेत उउ स्यामा । कौन्हेसि नौद भूख विसरामा ॥
 कौन्हेसि पान फूस रस-भोगू । कौन्हेसि बड उउखद बड रोगू ॥

¹ By 'Light,' the poet refers to Mahādēva, who dwells in Kailāsa Indian Muṣalmāns frequently consider Adam, the first man, as the same as Mahādēva. The fact that the poet expressly says that Kailāsa was made 'for' the Light, shows that he cannot be referring to light, the first of created things.

² An Urdū gloss. translates *urēha* by نقش, design, stamp, drawing. I have noted it also in 48, 4; 506, 5, *asa mūrata kē dāi urēhī*, and in 510, 8, *bhai urēha puhupa saba nāmā*. In the second the Urdū translation gives ظاهرکي and in the latter, the whole line is translated *نویہ معلوم ہوتا تھا کہ رنگ برنگ پھول ہر قسم کے ہین*. The word is still used in Oudh and Biṣnār by women, in the sense of *racanā*. It is derived from the Skr. *ullēkha*.

³ Apparently, incarnations in many castes. Alluding to the doctrine that incarnations have occurred in all religions in many parts of the world. Or it may only refer to the various *avatārs* of Viṣṇu.

⁴ I. e., the universe, alluding to the well known tradition detailed in Manu.

⁵ Jambū, Plakṣa or Gōmēdaka, Çālmali, Kuṣa, Krauñca, Çāka, and Puṣkara.

⁶ There are seven worlds (lōka) above, viz., Bhūr-lōka, Bhuvār-l., Svar-l., Mahār-l., Janār-l., Tapār-l., and Satya-l. or Brahma-l., and seven below, viz., A-tala, Vi-tala, Su-tala, Rasā-tala, Talū-tala, Mahā-tala, and Pātāla. According to Muṣalmāns, there are seven regions (طبق) above (these are heavens), and seven below (earths).

⁷ Two Urdū glosses translate *augāhi* by شروع, a meaning for which I can find no other authority. It means literally to plunge into water, hence to be immersed in anything, to have the mind fully occupied.

दो॥ निमिष न क्षमि करत कोहि सबहि कीन्ह पस एक ।

गमन क्षंतरिष राखा बाजु खंभ दिनु डेक ॥ १ ॥

2. 1. *Bāta-u*, so Ib, Ia U K have *hēma* (U reverses the order of the two hemistichs), Is *hūwa*, Ie *sātū* with *hēma* as a v. l. on margin. Id *sāta* (also Rām Jasan), Io P *bāwara*; گهههههه (Sanskrit *किष्किन्* for *कुक्षय*) evidently puzzled the Nāgarī transcribers. Is has *khaṇḍa khaṇḍa*, U *kinhasa parabata mēru apārā*. The P copies are undecided between *khikhinda* and *khikhinḍa*. The former is probably the correct reading. 2. K *māpha*. 3. U *wahu bhārē*. K *jehi bhālē*, *niramālē*. 5. U *rāhai*, *cāhai*, N *uḍai*. 7. U *phūla au*, Id K *aukhadhā*. 8. Ia *gagana antaricha*, Io *gagana antarikha*, Ib *khābha*, U *lagai*, *rākhai*, K *nimikhi*, *karata tehi subhai kinha chana ēka*. Ias have *ohi*, Ibcd U *wahi*.

2. He made the seven¹ shoreless oceans, &c., and He made the mountains of Mēru and Kukhaṇḍa.² Rivers made He and streams and waterfalls; crocodiles and fish made He of many kinds. Ho made the oyster shell, and the pearl which filleth it, He made many flawless gems. Forests made He and roots³; tall trees made He, palmyras and date palms. He made the wild animals⁴ which dwell in the forest; He made the fowl which fly where they will. He made colours, white and black; He made sleep, and hunger, and rest. He made the betel-leaf and flowers, and the pleasures of taste; many medicines made He and many sicknesses.

He made them in less than the twinkling of an eye; all made Ho in a single instant. He fixed the Heavens in space without a pillar and without a prop.

चो॥ कीन्हसि मानस दीन्ह बडाई । कीन्हसि स्रज भुगति तेंहि पाई ॥
 कीन्हसि राजा भूंजद राजू । कीन्हसि सखि घोर तेंहि साजू ॥
 कीन्हसि तेंहि कहँ बळत बिराख । कीन्हसि कोर डाकुर कोर दाख ॥
 कीन्हसि दरब गरब जेंहि होई । कीन्हसि सोभ सघार न कोई ॥
 कीन्हसि जिघन सदा सब चहा । कीन्हसि नीचु न कोई रवा ॥
 कीन्हसि दुख सख कोड अनंदू । कीन्हसि दुख चिंता सख दंडू ॥
 कीन्हसि कोर भिखारि कोर धनी । कीन्हसि संपति विपति बळ घनी ॥

¹ These encircle the seven regions (*dvīpas*) mentioned in I, 5. Their names, are *Lavana*, *Ikṣu*, *Surā*, *Gṛīta*, *Dadhī*, *Dugdha*, *Jala*. The author, in stanza 141 gives a different enumeration, viz., *Khūra*, *Khūra*, *Dadhī*, *Jala*, *Sura*, *Udadhi*, *Kilakila*.

² *Mēru* is the well-known mountain. It represents the northern hemisphere or pole, and is the abode of the Gods. *Kukhaṇḍa* is *Kumēru*, the southern hemisphere or pole, the region of the *daityas* or demons. The poet has mixed this up with *Kishkindha*, also to the south of *Oude*, and has confounded the two names.

³ *Jari* is a root used for medicine, and *mūri* is a root used for food.

⁴ *Sāuja* is any animal used for food.

दो ॥ कौन्हेसि कोर निमरोडी कौन्हेसि कोर बरिबार ।
 बारसि तरैं सब कौन्हेसि पुनि कौन्हेसि सब बार ॥ १ ॥

3. The order of these sets of *caupāis* is different in different copies. The above is the order of Iab U K, Iod begin 4, 3, and then go on as above. Is begins 15, 16, and then 3, 4, &c., like Ia. 1. Iod *dhesi baḍāi*; Iac *tehi pāi*, Id *tehi khāi*, Is *tinha jāi*. 2. Ib *bahu sājū*, Ic *tehi sājū*. 3. Iac U K *bilāsā*, U K *kou for koi*. 4. Iacs U *jehi hōi*. 5. Id transposes ll. 5 and 6. Is *jīu sadā sukha*, U *jīyana sadā tinha*, K *jīwa sadā suba*, U *kōi*. 6. Id U *kōi*, Is *bahu dandā*, Id *dhandā*, U K *anandā*, *dandā*. 7. U *kou*, Ia *ati ghānī*, Id K *punī ghānī*, Is *sāga ghānī*, U *jā ghānī*. 8. U *kou for koi*. 9. Iacd *chūrahī*, Is *tinha chūra*, K *bahur kīnha saba*.

3. He made man, and gave him dominion; He made grain for his food. He made the king who taketh pleasure in his kingdom, He made elephants and horses for his array. He made for him many delights. Some made He lords, and others slaves. Wealth made He from which cometh pride; He made longings which none can satisfy. He made life which all men ever desire; He made death, from which none can escape. Happiness made He and myriads of joys; sorrow made He, and care and doubt.¹ Some made He poor and others rich. He made frequent prosperity and adversity.

Some made He weak, and others strong From ashes made He all, and again turned He all to ashes.

चो ॥ कौन्हेसि अगर कलुरी बेना । कौन्हेसि भीमसेनि अउ चेना ॥
 कौन्हेसि नाग मुखइ बिच बसा । कौन्हेसि मंच हरइ जो उसा ॥
 कौन्हेसि अमौ जिअइ जेहि पाई । कौन्हेसि बिच ओ मौचु तेंहि खाई ॥
 कौन्हेसि कज मोठ रस भरी । कौन्हेसि कहर बेसि बड फरी ॥
 कौन्हेसि मधु सावर छेंद माँखी । कौन्हेसि भँवर पंखि अउ पाँखी ॥
 कौन्हेसि खोवा उंदुर चाँडी । कौन्हेसि बडत रहहिं अनि माँडी ॥
 कौन्हेसि राकस भूत परेता । कौन्हेसि भोकस देव इयता ॥

दो ॥ कौन्हेसि सहस अठारह बरन बरन उपराजि ।

भुगति दोन्ह पुनि सब कहैं सकल साजना साजि ॥ ४ ॥

4. 1. Iods *bhīwasēni*, U *bhīmasanmyā*. 2. P *mukha*, which spoils the metre. 3. Id makes this line the sixth, Is *amiya*, Id *jīuna jehi*, Ic *jīana jehi*, Id *tehi*, Iads U K *pāi*, *khāi*. 4. K *karu nīmu jō phāri*. 5. K *lāwai jo mākhī*, Iod K *bhawāra patāga*, Is *bhāwara nāga*. 6. Ia K *indura*, Icd doubtful, Ibs U clearly *umdura*, Iacd *rahahī*. 7. So Iacd K, Ibs *kīnhasi rūkasa dēwa daētā*, *kīnhasi bhōkasa bhūta parētā*, U similar except . . . *dēwa dayantā*, . . . *bhūta parantā*. 9. Icd K *dhesa*, Ib U *sabahī*.

¹ Two Urdū glosses translate *danda* by غم, grief, but the dictionary meaning of the word is enmity (*dvandwa*). Here it means opposition of ideas, doubt.

4. He made agallochum, musk, and the scented *khas* grass; He made the camphors,—*bhīmasēni*¹ and *cēna*.² He made the snake in whose mouth dwelleth poison; He made the snake-charm which carrieth off the bite. He made ambrosia, which giveth eternal life to him who getteth it; He made poison, which is death to him who eateth it. He made the sugarcane filled with sweet juice; He made the acrid creeper with its manifold fruit. He made the honey which the bee stores in its home; He made the humble bee, the birds and winged creatures. He made the fox, the rat and the ant; He made many creatures which dig the earth and dwell therein. He made demons, goblins and ghosts; He made ghouls and *Dēvas* and *Dāityas*.

He made eighteen thousand creations of varied kinds. To all he gave a means of existence, and with every decoration did he deck them.

चौ ॥ भवपति उदर जेहि क संसार । सबहि देह निति घट न भँडाह ॥
जावँत जगत हलि अउ चाँडा । सब कहँ भुगुति राति दिन चाँडा ॥
ता करि दिहि सबहि उपराची । नितर सतर कोर बिसरद नाची ॥
पंखी पतंग न बिसरद कोर । परगट गुप्त जहाँ लागि होई ॥
भोग भुगुति बड भानि उपार । सबहि खिखावद आपु न खार ॥
ता कर दहर जो खाना पिबना । सब कहँ देह भुगुति अउ जिबना ॥
सबहि खास ता करि हर खाँसा । खोहि न काळ कद खास गिरासा ॥
दो ॥ जग जग देत घटा नची । उभर जाय तस कौन्ह ।
अउर जो दीन्ह जगत मँह । सो सब ता कर दीन्ह ॥ ५ ॥

5. 1. Ias U ohi, K dhanaita hai jehi kē san°; Is U kē; P have ka; Iad sabai, J nahi ghañai. 3. K sabhanha, U kou. 4. Is puts verse 4 after verse 5, U paragañi gupati. 5. Ib khawāwai, U āpunē khāi, K āpuna khāi, P might also be read thus. 6. K uhai, Iāds sō khā°, Ic sabahi bhuguti dēi au jianā; Is K sabahi dēi, U saba kahā dēhi. 7. Ia sabahi so tā kari hērai āsā | ohi na kāhu, &c. Is hari sāsā, ohi, U sabai, tā kara, sāsā, ohi na kāhu kī āsi, K sabhai āsa tā kari hari phēri | ohi nahi āsa ahai kehu kēri || 8. Iac ghañata, U K ghañai, U ubhai, tasi. 9. Id jo dēta, U K dēhi, K sabha tā kara.

5. He indeed is a master of wealth, to whom belongeth the universe; to all He giveth continually, yet his storehouse minisheth not. To every creature in the world, from the elephant even to the ant, doth He day and night give its share of nourishment. His eye is upon all: none is forgotten, whether foe or friend; nor bird nor grasshopper, nor aught whether manifest or hidden is forgotten. He deviseth food and

¹ The *Bhīmasēna-karpūra* of Sanskrit.

² The *Cina-karpūra* of Sanskrit.

nourishment of many kinds. All doth He feed, yet eateth not himself. His meat and His drink is this—that to all He giveth nourishment and life. All have hope in him at every breath, nor hath He ever (turned) the hope of any to despair.

Æon after æon doth He give, yet never minisheth (his store). Yea, so doth He this with both hands, that whatever hath been given in this world, hath all been given by Him.

चो॥ बाहि सोर वरणउँ बह राजा । बाहिउ संत राज जेहि राजा ॥
 सदा सरवदा राज करेई । सब जेहि सहर राज तेहि देई ॥
 हतर अहतरि निहतरहि जावा । दोसर नाहिं जो सरवरि पावा ॥
 परबत बाहि देखु सब लोगू । चाँडहि करइ वसि सरि जोगू ॥
 वजरहि तिन कर मारि उडाई । तिनहि वजर कर देइ बडाई ॥
 काऊहि भोग भुगति सुख सारा । काऊ भौख भवन दुख मारा ॥
 ता कर कौन्ह न जानइ कोई । करइ सोइ मन चित न होई ॥

दो॥ सबइ नाखि बह अखिर अरस साज जेहि केरि ।

प्रक साजर सब भाँजइ सहर संवारइ फेरि ॥१॥

6. 1. *Id ādi ēka baranaū sō rājā*; *K ādi anādi karata jehi chājā*. 2. *Ibod kardī, dāi, Iaes K jehi, tehi*. *Ibod achata, Is chatrahi achata nachatrahi, U nichatriya, K chatra nichatra nichatrihi*; *K dōsara kōi na sarubari*. 4. *Is dēkha, U K dēkhu, P* give no clue, a third person singular seems required by the sense, *Is lōgā, jōgā, Is cīṭhihi, Ib karahi, U sājōgū*. 5. *Iao K trina, trinahi, U uḍhāi, tinhai bajara ki dēhi baḍhāi, K tōri u(ṣa)dāi*. 6. *kāhū bhāikha bhāikha dukha, Is bhāikha (?) bahuta, U dukha bhārā, K bhauna bhikha dukha bhārā*. 7. *Ibs K karai sō jō mana cinta na hōi, Is karai sō jō mana cintā hōi; K karai sōi jō ohī mana hōi*. 8. *U asthirā* (which makes the metro right), *Ias U jehi, K tehi*. 9. *U aru bhājai, K tehi bhāi*.

6. Let me tell of Him^{*} as that great^{*} primal king, who from the beginning to the end of things is worthy of his rule. Ever and for ever doth He rule, and whom He willeth, rule to him He giveth. Making umbrellaless him who hath the umbrella of royalty, He giveth it unto him who is without it; no other is there who is equal unto Him. The people all look as He upturneth the mountains, and maketh the ant (that crawleth from beneath them) equal unto the elephant. Adamant He maketh like straw and scattereth it, and again He maketh straw like adamant, and giveth it honour. To one He giveth the food of enjoyment and all happiness, another striketh He with sorrow and a home (supported by) alms. No one understandeth what He hath done, for He doeth that which is beyond the power of mind and thought.

All else is non-existent¹. He alone is ever the same, whose wondrous

Urdū gloss فانئ, transient.

creations are such as these. He createth one and destroyeth him, and, if he will, he formeth him again.

चौ ॥ ब्रह्म ब्रह्म ब्रह्मन सो करता । वह सब सउं सब बोहि सउं बरता ॥
परगढ गुप्त सो सब बिचापौ । परनौ चीन्ह चीन्ह नहिं पावौ ॥
ना बोहि पूत न पिता न माता । ना बोहि कुटुंब न कोइ संग-माता ॥
जना न काऊ न कोइ बोहि जना । जहँ छगि सब ता कर सिरजना ॥
बेइ सब कीन्ह जहाँ छगि कोरै । वह न कीन्ह काहू कर सोरै ॥
ऊत पहिसर अब अब रह सोरै । पुनि सो रहर रहर नहिं कोरै ॥
अब जो सोर सो बाहर बंधा । दिन दुर चारि मरद कर बंधा ॥

हौ ॥ जो बेइ चहा सो कीन्हैसि करद जो चाहद कीन्ह ।
बरजमहार न कीरै सबहि चाहि जिउ दीन्ह ॥ ७ ॥

7. 1. Id reverses the order of ll. 1 and 2. U baranaū sō, Ib saba ohi saū waha saba mahā baratā, K oha saba sō saba mō waha baratā, Is has saū. 2. Is K jo saraba U paragañi guputi, Ia cīnha na cīnhata, Id cīnha na cīnhē. 3. Ia na ohi sāga, Id na koi sāghātā, U na koi sāghātā. 4. Ic na koi wahi jānā, Is na waha koi jānā U na kou wē jānā, K ō kī sirajānā. 5. Ias reverse order of ll. 5 and 6, K waha saba, Ib wahu na kīnha, Is oha kīnha, K unha na kīnha. 6. Ia hutā so pahilahi sō hai sōi, Is au hai aba sōi, K hutā pahilahi aba hai sōi, Ic sō puni rahai rahai na na kōi, U sō puni, K rahai rahihi nahi kōi. 7. Ia auru jo hōhī, U aura kahai sō, K aura je rahai se bō, Ia marahi kai, K marai kari. 8. U jō wai cāhasi kīnhasi, K jō oha cāha so kīnhasi, Iak karahi, U karahi ju cāhahi kīnha. 9. U na kū, Ic U sabai cāhi, K sabhai, cahahi, U jiya.

7. Invisible, formless and untellable is that Creator; He is one with¹ all, and all are one in Him. Whether manifest or hidden, He is all pervading. The righteous recognize Him, but not the sinful. He hath no son nor father nor mother, nō family hath He, and no relations. He hath begotten none, nor is He begotten of any, but all created beings proceed from Him. All things, as many as exist, He made; nor was He made by any one. He was at the beginning, and He is now; He alone remaineth existent and no one else. All else that are, are mad and blind, for after but two or four days they do their work and die.

Whate'er He willed that He did, He doeth that He willeth to do. No one is there to prevent Him, and, by his mere will, He gave life to all.

¹ The Urdū gloss translates *baratā* by نزدیک "near," but I know of no authority for this meaning. *Baratā* means *baṭā huā*, twisted as a rope is twisted, hence involved in, closely connected with. Compare *Bihārī Sat'sai*, 59, *dīḥa barata bādhi aṭani*, twisting their (mutual) glances into a rope, they bind it from balcony to balcony.

चो ॥ उचि विधि चीन्हा करउ मिथानू । अस पुरान सचँ सिखा बखानू ॥
 जीउ नाहिँ पर जिखर गोसाईँ । कर नाहीं पर करर सवाईँ ॥
 जीभ नाहिँ पर सब किहु बोला । तन नाहीं जो डोलाओ सो डोला ॥
 खन नाहिँ पर सब कहु सुनी । दिख नाहीं गुननीं सब गुना ॥
 नयन नाहिँ पर सब कहु देखा । कवन भाँति अस जार बिदेखा ॥
 ना कोर दोर दर बोधि के रूपा । ना बोधि अस कोर दरस अनूपा ॥
 ना बोधि ठाउँ न बोधि विनु डाँज । रूप देख विनु निरमल नाज ॥

दो ॥ ना बह मिछा न वेहरा बदर रसा भरि पूरि ।

दिखिवंत कहँ नीचरे बंध सुख कहँ दूरि ॥ ८ ॥

8. 1. *Id cînha jo, K cêtañu, Ib purāna mē, Is giānā, bakhānā.* 2. *Iods jiu nāhi, K jia nāhi or jia nāhi, Ia kara nāhi pai sabahi karāhi, Is karai sarwāi, U karahi samāi, K korai saharāi (?)* 3. *Ia reverses the order of ll. 3 and 4, Ib jo dōlāñce so dōlā, Id jo dōlāwahi dōlā.* 4. *Id reverses the order of ll. 4 and 5, Is has sūnā, gūnā, Ia U hiyā nāhi, Id hiyā nāhi pai guna saba gūnā, U guninā.* 5. *Ic U K bhāti so jāi.* 6. *Ib nā koi āhi na ohi kē rūpā, Ic om. this line, Ias om. hoi, U nā kou hai ohi, K na kōi hoi hai ohi, Ia nā kāhū asa rūpa anūpa, Id nā ohi kē asa taisa anūpā, Is na oha kāhu asa taisa sarūpā, U nū kōū asa taisa anūpā, K na oha kāhu asa rūpa anūpā :* possibly *Ia* fits in best with the rest of the passage. 7. *K na binu ohā fīdā, Io rūpa rēkha nāhi, K niraguna nāi.* 8. *Ic K nā hai milā na bichurā, U nā hai milā na waiharā.* 9. *U andhi murakhi kahā dūri, Id mūrakhahi.*

8. In this manner know ye Him, and meditate upon Him, for so is the tale written in the holy book.¹ The Lord hath no life, and yet He liveth, He hath no hands, and yet He maketh all things. He hath no tongue, yet He telleth everything. He hath no bodily form, yet that which He shaketh, is shaken. Ears hath He not, yet heareth He all things; Heart hath He not, yet The Wise One discriminateth all things. He hath no eyes, yet all things doth He see; How can anyone discern as He doth? No one hath a form like unto His; nor, like Him, is any one so incomparable. He hath no abiding place, yet He is not without an abiding place. His form is without flaw, and His name is spotless.

He is not indiscrete, nor is He discrete, yet so doth He dwell (within us), and fill us (with himself). To those who can see, He is near, but is far from the foolish blind.

चो ॥ अउर जो दीन्हैसि रतन बनीला । ता कर मरम न जानर भोला ॥

रसना अउ रस-भोग । दीन्हैसि दसन जो बिचैसर जोग ॥

¹ Urdū gloss for *purāna*, قرآن, the Qurān. This is quite possible. It will be seen that Mallik Muḥammad frequently uses Hindū words as Musalmān technical terms. E. G. *cēlā*, 20, 4.

दीन्हेंसि जग रेशर कहैं नवना । दीन्हेंसि सबन सुनर कहैं नवना ॥
 दीन्हेंसि कंठ बोलि जेहि नाहीं । दीन्हेंसि कर-पल्लव वर नाहीं ॥
 दीन्हेंसि चरन समूष बलाहीं । सी पर सरन जानु जेहि नाहीं ॥
 जीवन सरन जानु पर बूढा । निहा न तबनापा जव हूँडा ॥
 दुख कर सरन न जानइ राजा । दुखी जानु जा कहैं दुख बाजा ॥

दी ॥ कथा क सरन जानु पर रोगी भोगी रहइ निश्चित ।

सब कर सरन गोसाईं जानइ जो घट घट महैं जित ॥ ९ ॥

9. 1. *Io puni jō dīnhesi ratana amūlā, Is sabahi jo dīnhesi, U dīnhasi, K jānahi.* Throughout, *Is K* have *dīnhesi* and *U dīnhasa*, cf. I. 2, n 2. *Is bihāsi, U bihasē, K dasana bihasi mukha jōgū, Iab lōgū for jōgū.* 4. *Iac U jehi māhā, U tihi māhā* *Io* reverses the order of ll. 4 and 5. 5. *Iads sōi jāna jehi dīnhesi nāhī, K sō pai marama janai jehi nāhī.* 6. *Id jāna hō, Is jāna hoi, K jōhana marama na jānai mūḍhā, Is milā nāhi turunāpā ḍhūḍha, Io saba ḍhūḍha, K cahai na turunāpā cāhai ḍhūḍhā* (sic), *Is* has *mūḍhē* and *ḍhūḍhē.* 7. *Id sukha kara marama*, this makes better sense, and is also the reading of Bām Jasan, *K jehi kē dukha bē.* 8. *K bhōgi rahai anacinta.* 9. *Ib saba kara marama jānu karatā, K ghaḥa raha ninta.* *

9. And the simple-minded knoweth not the secret of the priceless jewels which He hath given. He hath given us a tongue, and the pleasure of taste; He hath given us teeth, which brighten¹ a smile. Eyes hath He given us to see the world; ears hath He given us with which to hear language. He hath given the throat in which dwelleth our speech. He hath given us fingers and noble arms. Feet hath He given us with which we gracefully walk. That man knoweth their secret who hath none. Yea, it is the old who know the secret of youth, when they find not their young days though they seek for them. The great man knoweth not the secret of poverty, but the poor man knoweth it, to whom poverty is come.

It is the sick man who knoweth the secret of the body, while the healthy man liveth careless; but the secrets of all are known to the Lord, who abideth ever in everybody.

चौ ॥ अति अपार करता कर करना । वरनि न पारइ काज वरना ॥
 सात सरग अछं कागइ करइ । भरती सात ससुंद नसि भरइ ॥
 जावैंत जगत साख बन-ठांसा । जावैंत केस रावैं पैंसि पांसा ॥
 जावैंत खेह रेह अछं तारैं । मेघ बूद अछ गजन तरारैं ॥
 सब लिखनी कइ लिखु संसार । लिखि न जाइ गति ससुंद अपार ॥
 अइस कौन्ह सब गुन परगढा । अब-अँ ससुंद बूद नहिं वढा ॥
 अइस जानि मन गरव न सोई । गरव करइ मन बाहर सोई ॥

¹ Lit., are fit for.

दी॥ चक्षुः शुभकर्म गोसाईं चक्षुः सो चक्षुः तैल्लि वैज ।

चक्षुः चक्षुः मनीं सवारद जो गुन करद चक्षुः ॥ १० ॥

10. 1. Ib karatā kē karānā, K karatā kai karānā, Iad baranī na kōi pāvai baranā
Ic baranī na pārū kāhu kai baranā, Is baranī na koi jō pārāi karānā, U baranī na jāi
āhi bahu baranā, K baranī na kāhu parai jō baranī. 2. Ib saraga sāta, Ia sāta saraga
kāgāda jāi ka°, Ic kāgāda hūi, Is K jāi kāgāda, Ic hūi for bharai, K dharatī sāta
saraga ma°, U has karahi, bharahi. 3. Ic makes this line the sixth, Ib transposes ll.
3 and 4, Ib rōma, U jāwāta kēsa rōma au pākā. 4. Ia rēha, khēha, Ied U khēha
rēha duniyāi, Ib būna, K nakhata tarāi. 5. U likhai sansārā, Ic atī samū°, Is kabī
amū°, U bidhi carita apārā, K kabi carita aparū کب is evidently a misreading of گت.
6. Iacds ēta guninha saba guna, U au saba guniyana guna paragātā, K aba guna para°,
Ib tēhi samūda bādahi nahī ghātā, Ia bunda, Id aba-hu samūda mahā bunda na ghātā
Is aba-hu samūda tēhi bunda na ghātā, U aba-hī bādā samūda nahī ghātā, K as in text,
except nira for bāda. 7. K garaba na ūfhā, K garaba karai sō bāura jhūfhā. 8. Ib
bahu guna°, U asa guna°, Iac sō hoi tēhi, Ib cahai sō tinha hō bēga, U sō hō tēhi, K karai
sō caha tēhi bēga, Rām Jasan cahai sāvūrai bēga. 9. Id jō guna karahi anēga, Is jō
guna cahai, U karai na nēga.

10. Very immeasurable are the makings of the Maker; no teller can tell them. If the whole universe took the seven heavens¹ for paper, and filled the seas² of the earth with ink. If it took as many branches as cover³ all the forests in the world, and all the hairs and down (of animals), and all the feathers of birds. If it took the motes of dust and the like where'er it found them, and all the drops in the clouds and all the stars of heaven; and turned them all to pens and wrote, still then it could not write the shoreless ocean of his wondrous works. So hath He manifested all His skill, that even now not one drop of that ocean hath decreased. Think thou of this and let not pride be in thy heart. For mad is he, who, in his heart, nourisheth pride.

Very skilled is the Lord. What He willeth, for him that quickly is. And so skilfully doth He arrange (creation), that He displayeth countless kinds of skill.

चो॥ कौन्हेसि पुष्य एक निरमरा । नाउँ सुहस्रद पूनिउँ करा ॥
प्रथम जोति बिधि तैल्लि कर साजी । चक्षुः तैल्लि प्रीति सिद्धि उपराजी ॥
दीपक होसि जगत कहँ दीन्हा । भा निरमर जम नारग चौन्हा ॥
जउं नहिँ होत पुष्य उँजिचारा । कृष्णि न परत पंथ चँधिचारा ॥
होसरे नाउँ दई नैर सिधे । भट्ट भरमी जेर पावन सिधे ॥

¹ The seven Heavens, see note to I, 5.

² The seven seas of Hindu tradition, see II, 1.

³ Bana-dhākhā, is equivalent to bana kē dhākhānē-wālē, (branches) which cover the forest. The subject of all these verbs is sansārā in the fifth line.

जोर नहीं लौह जगम भरि जाऊँ । ता कहँ लौह नरक मरै ठाऊँ ॥
जगत बसीठ दई सोहि लौहा । दुहुँ जग तरा नाहँ जोर लौहा ॥

हो ॥ गुन अउगुन बिधि पूरव सोरहि बेष अउ जोष ।
बह विनउव आगर होर करम जगत कर मोष ॥ ११ ॥

11. Ch. 1. Ia n̄hū, U K n̄ma; U K niramālā, kālā; Id p̄nō U p̄nou, K p̄nū. 2. Ia unha kai, Is tinha kahā, U jōti tinha kī bidhi, K tā kara, Is tinha priti. 3. Iab U dīpaka aisa, U bhā a(ā)jōra. 4. Ibad jāū na hōta asa purukha ujjārā. 5. Id n̄hū, U ḥhū dai K ḥhwa daā, Is līkhē sīkhē, K līkhā ... sīkhā. Ia parhatā, K bhau dharami bhau paṇḍita sīkhē. 6. Is jēi nahī, Ia ohī n̄hū, K janama bhara. K dīnha naraka mahā. Iod transpose ll. 6 and 7. 7. Ia ohī kinhā. Ibd̄s U kinhē ... līnhē. K utima basīḥa dīnha oi kinhā, Ibs U K dui, Iod dō. Is U K juga; Id U K tarai nāma. Iod ohī instead of jāī, Is U K unha. 8. K aiguna, Ia pūchihī, U hō kai. 9. Iac ohī, Is U unha, Id binawata, K unha āgē hama binaiba; Id karata.

11. He made one man without a blemish, named Muḥammad glorious as the full moon. It was his radiancy that God first produced, and then for love of him He created the universe. He kindled that light and gave it to the world. The world became clear, and recognized its (true) way. If that bright man had not been, the dark path would not have been visible. The deity wrote the second place for him,¹ and that man became just who learned his creed.² For him, who hath not taken (refuge in) his name throughout his life, God hath prepared a place in hell. The deity made him His messenger to the world, and whoever hath taken his name passes safely across both worlds.³

God will ask of each his virtues and his vices, (when) there will be the (great) casting up of accounts. But he (Muḥammad) will humbly bend before him, and will effect the salvation of the world.

हो ॥ चारि नीत जो मुहम्मद ठाऊँ । चहँ क दुहुँ जग निरमर जाऊँ ॥
अवा बकर सिद्दीक सयाने । पविस्तर सिद्दिक दीन बेर आने ॥
पुनि सो उमर खिताब सोहाए । भा जग अदस दीन जो आए ॥
पुनि उममान पंडित बह गुनौ । सिखा पुरान जो आयात मुनौ ॥
अउयर असी सिंघ बरिआर । अउर तो कांपर सरग पतार ॥

¹ That is to say, he was second of all things, God being the first; other created beings followed. Paṇḍit Sudhākara Drivēdī translates this verse, 'Those men became just who learned his teaching, and that God, (i. e., Muḥammad) wrote his name in the second place, (i. e., heaven); but for them, who throughout their lives did not take his name, (i. e., adopt his teaching), he fixed a place in hell.

² Lit., teaching. The Urdu gloss gives اسلام, the Musalmān creed.

³ The *ihālōka* and *paralōka* of the Hindūs. This world and the world to come.

चारि-उ एक मतर एक वार्ता। एक पंच चउ एक सँवाता ॥

वचन एक जो सुनावहिँ सँवा। भा परवान हुँ जग वचा ॥

ही॥ जो पुरान विधि पढवा सीर पढत मरंच।

चउर जो भूखे चावतहि तँहि सुनि छागहिँ पंच ॥ १२ ॥

12. 1. Ia cahū dīnha, Iod cahū kū duhū. 2.* Ia taba ānē, Io wei ānē, Is sidika daiya unha māmē, K uni ānē, U dīna oi jānē. 3. Ibe U puni jō, Id puni tehi, Ia jaba āē, Ib ohi āē, Is jāū āē, K jīnha jaga adala dīna kahā lāē. 4. Ib* bahu gūni, Id baḍa paṇḍita gūni, U puni usi mahā baḍa paṇḍita. Ia U K likhā kurāna. The correction is evidently a scribe's improvement. 5. Ia bariārā, K bala tē kḥpai. Ias saūhi na kōū rahā jujhārā (Is° rū). 7. K paramāna. 8. K. Kurāna for purāna, . . . sōi likhā kari grantha. 9. Is tē saha, K tē suḥi.

12. Muḥammad had four friends, who (followed him) in his place, and the four had spotless names in both worlds. ABŪ BAKR ḤIDDĪQ, the wise, who first truthfully (*ḡidq*) brought the faith (into the world).¹ Then 'UMAR, who adorned the title (of Caliph). Justice came to the world when he adopted the faith. Then 'UṢMĀN, the learned and wise one, who wrote the *Qurān*, as he heard its verses. Fourth came 'ALĪ, the mighty lion. When he attacked, both heaven and hell quaked. All four had one mind, and one word, one path and one fellowship. Each preached the same true word, which became authoritative, and read in both worlds.

The very *Qurān*² which God³ sent down (to this world), that holy book they read, and they who (have lost their way) in coming (into the world), when they hear it, find the path.⁴

¹ Lit., brought.

² Here again we have *purāna* used for the Musalmān sacred book.

³ Here *vidhi*, a Hindu technical term.

⁴ Abū Bakr ibn Abī Quḥāfa was Muḥammad's dearest friend and father-in-law, and one of his first converts. He enjoyed immense influence with his fellow citizens of Mecca, and earned by his probity the appellation of 'al Ḥiddiq,' 'The True.' He accompanied Muḥammad in the Flight, and on his death (632 A. D.) he became the first Caliph. He died 634 A. D.

'Umar ibn Al Khaṭṭab was converted in the 6th year of the call (615 A. D.). His conversion carried with it so much weight that the Musalmān traditions relate it with miraculous attendant details. Abū Bakr by his eloquence and address, and 'Umar by his vigour and promptitude, supplied the want of the practical element in Muḥammad's character. 'Umar set the example of public (instead of private) prayer, which was followed by other Muslims. He was the leading spirit of the Emigrants (*muhājira*) who had left Mecca at the time of the Flight, and settled in Medina. He procured the nomination of Abū Bakr to be first Caliph, and, as a matter of course, succeeded him as second Caliph in 634. He was murdered at Medina in 644.

चो ॥ बेर साहि देबिही सुकतानू । चारि-ऊ चंड तवर जव भानू ॥
 चौथी राज राज चउ पाडू । सब राजर भुरंधरा सिखाडू ॥
 जाति छर चउ चाँडर छरा । चउ बुधवंत खबर गुन पूरा ॥
 छर-नवाई नवो चंड भर । सात-उ दीप दुनो सब नर ॥
 जहँ छगि राज चरग-वर लीन्हा । इसकंदर जुलकरन जो कीन्हा ॥
 बाघ सुखेनाँ केरि चंगडी । जग कहँ जियन दीन्ह तेंहि सूडी ॥
 चउ चति गरु पुडमि-पति भारी । डेकि पुडमि सब सिँह सँभारी ॥
 दो ॥ दीन्ह असीस सुहस्रद करऊ जुगहि जुग राज ।
 पातिसाहि तुन्ह जगत के जग तुन्हार सुहताज ॥ १९ ॥

13. 1. U sēra sāha, K sēra sāha, U sulatānā bhānā. 1a cārihi, 1c cāri-u, 1s K jaça. 2. 1b transposes ll. 1 and 2. 1b ohī kahā chāja chutara au pāṭā, 1s chāja chālā au, U ohī chātra sāju au, K ohī pai chāja chatra au, 1a J K pāṭā.....lilāṭā. 1b rajai, 1c sabha rājā, 1d sabha (or sahalī) rājanha (or rājahi). 1s K saba rājanha, U saba rājānu (?); 3. 1a K gunawanta, 1cd sabahi, 1b biāhi pūrā, 1s nidhi pūrā. 4. 1s narvāi narva khāḍahu, K nāwa nau khāḍahi. The final word of the half line بهی, may be transcribed either bhai or bhaē. All N give the former, but printed editions give the latter. So also نی may be either nai or naē. I prefer bhai and nai as giving the best sense. 1ad sātahi. U dīpa duniā, 1s dīpa duniā sira. 6. 1bds tahā lagi. 1a kharaga bala, 1cds kh° para; 1a jala karana na kīnhā (جل کرن نیکنهان), 1b جول کرن 1c ذوالقران Id ذوالقران U julikanuhara kīnhā. 6. 1b dēwa jabahi bhara mūṭhī U juga kahā jiwa dīnha, K jaga kahā jīti līnha gahi mūṭhī. 1a puhumi bhāra saba līnha samhārī | ohī sakai puhumipati bhārī || K puhumi bhāra ohī ēka sābhārā | tau thira rahai sakala sansārā || 9. 1a pādāshāha, 1c bādāshāha, K tuha jaga para jaga tohāra.

13. Shēr Shāh is Sultan of Delhi, who warmeth the whole world¹

'Uṣmān ibn Affān was one of Muḥammad's first converts, and married his daughter. He was elected third Caliph on the death of 'Umar. The Qurān was compiled in its present form in his reign. He was killed at the age of eighty in 656, in the rebellion which arose in consequence of the movement, the ultimate aim of which was the deposition of 'Uṣmān in favour of 'Alī.

'Alī ibn Abū 'Tālib was Muḥammad's cousin, and one of his first converts. He followed him to Medina three days after the Flight. He succeeded 'Uṣmān as fourth Caliph in 656, and was murdered in 661 A. D.

The first compilation of the Qurān was undertaken by Zāid ibn Ṣābit, who was appointed to the work by the Caliph Abū Bakr at the instigation of 'Umar. Zāid had been an amanuensis of Muḥammad. This redaction had no canonical authority, and discrepancies in the text soon appeared. Accordingly, about 659 'Uṣmān confided to Zāid and three other Quraishites the preparation of an edition which was to be canonical for all Muslims. This text was completed in 660, and is the one which is now extant.

¹ Lit., the four quarters. The use of *khayḍa* is uncommon, but it is the only meaning which I can suggest here. An Urdū gloss gives چارون طرف.

like the sun. His kingdom and throne beseech him well; low on the earth have all kings laid their brows before him. By caste a Sūr¹ and with his sword a hero; wise is he and full of all skilfulness. In the nine regions the sun (or all heroes) hath set (or bent low) before him,² and the seven continents³ of the world all bowed before him. All his kingdom he won with the might of his sword, as did Alexander, the Zū'l Qarnain.⁴ On his hand is Solomon's ring, and, with it, he gave gifts to the world with full hand. Majestic is he, and a mighty lord of the earth; like a pillar he supporteth the earth and maintaineth the whole universe.

Muhammad blessed him and said, reign thou from age to age. Thou art the Emperor of the World. The world is a beggar at thy door.

चौ ॥ वरमँ सुख पुडमि-पति राजा । पुडमि न भार सखर केहि साजा ॥

इय-मय सेन चहद जग पूरी । परबत दूडि उडहिं होइ धूरी ॥

रहनि रेनु होइ रविहि गरासा । नामुस पंखि केहिं फिरि बासा ॥

मुहँ उडि चंतरिख गर जित मंड । चंड चंड धरति सिद्धि ब्रहमंडा ॥

¹ Here, and in the following stanzas there is a series of puns on the word *sūra*, which is not only the name of the Afghān tribe to which Shēr Shāh belonged, but also means a hero, and the sun.

² *Lit.* 'In the nine regions there was a bonding of *sūra*,' where, again, there is a pun on the word *sūra*, 'hero' or 'sun.' According to the most ancient Hindū Geographers, India was shaped like an eight-petalled lotus. These eight petals, together with the central division, formed the nine *khaṇḍas* or regions, *viz.*, Paścāla (central), Kalinga (S. E.), Avanti (S.), Ānarta (S. W.), Sindhu-Sauvira (W.), Hāra-haura (N. W.), Madra (N.), Kauṇḍina (N. E.). The Purāṇas give a different list of names, *viz.*, Indra (E.), Kāśērumat (N.), Tāmraparṇa, (P. S.), Gahastimat, Kumārikā (Central), Nāga, Saumya, Vāruṇa (W.), Gāndharva. See Cunningham's *Ancient Geography of India*, pp. 5 and 66.

³ See I, 5.

⁴ Zū'l Qarnain, means 'The Master of Two Horns.' Muṣalmān tradition varies about this name. According to some, the Zū'l Qarnain was not Alexander the Great, but another saint, who lived at the time of Khāja Khizr, and who was so called from his having two curls hanging, one from each side of his forehead, or because he reached both sides of the world, or because he was noble by descent from both his parents, or because he went through both the light and dark parts of the world, or because he died when struck on one side of the forehead, and then was restored to life, and again died on being struck on the other side of the forehead, and again came to life.

Beale's *Oriental Biographical Dictionary*, (Ed Keene), says 'Master of Two Horns, a title of Alexander the Great, probably based on coins representing him in the character of Ammon.' Dr. Hoernle informs me that Alexander's coins show his head adorned with two ram's horns. They were widely current in the East, and the Muḥammadans probably gave him that name after his coins.

ਚੋਰ ਮਗਨ ਦੰਦਰ ਭਰਿ ਕਾਧਾ । ਬਾਹੁਕਿ ਯਾਰ ਪਤਾਰਹਿ ਚਾਧਾ ॥
 ਮੇਰ ਖਸਮਸਰ ਸਹੁੰਦੁ ਦੁਖਾਰੀ । ਬਨਬੰਢ ਫੂਟਿ ਬੇਰ ਮਿਲਿ ਯਾਰੀ ॥
 ਚਮਿਲਹਿ ਕਾਝ ਪਾਨਿ ਚਰ ਗੰਗਾ । ਪਹਿਲਹਿ ਕਾਝ ਨ ਕਾਇਓਂ ਚੰਗਾ ॥
 ਦੋ ॥ ਜੋ ਗਧ ਨਿਭੁ ਨਹਿੰ ਕਾਝਹੀ ' ਬਲਨ ਬੀਝਿੰ ਸਬ ਚੂਰ ।
 ਯਵ-ਹਿ ਬਧਰ ਪੁਛਸੀ-ਪਤਿ ਬੇਰ ਸਾਹਿ ਅਮ-ਸੁਰ ॥ ੧੪ ॥

14. 1. *Id sō, sājā.* 2. *Ia hai kī rēnu, Is hai gai saing.* *U hai maimanti calai.* *Ia parabata phāfi hōi sama dhūri.* *Ib uṣṭahā hōi, Is parabata phāfi, K fūfi jhikaṭi.* 3. *Ia sūra rainu hoi dinahi garāsā.* *Ib parahi rainu, Is K raini rēnu, Id omits this line.* 3. *K paūchhi.* 4. *Inc U K ūpara hoi chāwai brahamaṇḍā.* *Ia dōlai dharatī au brahamaṇḍā, U nawa khāḍi dharatī sukala brahamaṇḍā, K khaṇḍai dharatī bhau suta khaṇḍā.* 5. *Ia transposes this and the next line.* *U patālāhi jhāpā,* *Inc K patārāhi jhāpā.* 6. *Is bhāi jāhī.* 7. *U ghara bāḍā.* *K kharha kāḍā.* *Ia pāchai parā sō kāḍā,* *Id kahā nahī, K kahā kūḍau nahī āḍā.* 8. *Ia giri tarincara kalvī na rahā calata hōta saba cūra.* *Id hōhi sō cūra.* *Is saina calata giri tarinwara hōhī sabai sala cūra.* *U jo guḍha naai na nāai calata hōhi tē cūra.* *K jo giri turai na kāhu tē calata hōi sabha cūra.* 9. *Ias U K jaba-hī.* *Ia calai.*

14. I tell of the heroism of this king, Lord of the world, the weight of whose array is greater than the world can bear. When his army full of horsemen advanceth, covering the earth, mountains crash and fly away in powder, night cometh from the clouds of dust which eclipse the sun, so that man and bird alike goeth home to bed. The land taketh flight, and goeth up into the firmament; earth-dust adorneth each continent,—yea the world, the whole creation and the universe.¹ The Heavens tremble, and Indra quaketh in fear; the snake-god Vāsuki floeth and hideth himself in the lowest Hell.² Meru becometh a quagmire, the oceans dry up, and the forests break and are mingled with the dust. (When his army marcheth to a halting place) some of his advance guard may receive a share of water and of grass, but for none of his rear guard is there even sufficient mud.

Citadels which have never bowed to anyone, when he advanceth all become dust,—when the Lord of the World, Shēr Shāh, the Sun of the Universe attacketh them.

ਚੋ ॥ ਬਦਲ ਕਰਓਂ ਪੁਛਸੀ ਅਸ ਬੀਰ । ਬਾਇਓ ਬਲਨ ਨ ਦੁਖਵਰ ਕੀਰ ॥
 ਨਭਚੇਰਵੀਂ ਜੋ ਬਾਇਲ ਕਹਾ । ਸਾਹਿ ਬਦਲ ਸਰਿ ਬੀਭ ਨ ਬਾਹਾ ॥
 ਬਦਲ ਕੀਯੋ ਭਯਾਰ ਕਰ ਜਾਇ । ਮਰ ਬਾਹਾ ਸਗਰੀ ਦੁਨਿਬਾਇ ॥

¹ The *manḍ* has two meanings, either 'to adorn' (*maṇḍana*) or 'to crush,' (*mardana*). The passage here is corrupt in all MSS., and the reading is very doubtful.

² See note to line 5 of the first stanza.

बरी नाथ कोर दुखद न पारा । नारन नानुष चीन उदारा ॥
 नीर सिंह रंगिनि प्रक बाढा । दून-उ पानि पिबनिनि प्रक बाढा ॥
 नीर नीर नानर दरबारा । दूध पानि सब करद निनारा ॥
 भरन निबाउ चखद सत भावा । दूबर बरी एक सस रावा ॥

हो ॥ पुछ्छी सबद चचीसरे जीरि जीरि कर हाँय ।

गँग जउँन जल जय लगी तब लगी नसर सो नाँय ॥ १५ ॥

15. In Is this is No. 3. Ch. 1. Iabs jasa prithimī hōi. J jaru. K kasa hōi. Icd cāfā. Is cāfā, K bāfa calata dukhawai nahī kōi. 2. U ādila dhā, K ādila kīhā. Ib sama sōu. U sō uni rāhā. K sari jūja na tāhā. 3. Iab ādala jo kinha umara. Iab bhai āni, U sigari, K kiriānā puhumi juhā tāfī. 4. U kou. Ib sūna. Icd mānusa saū ujiārā. 5. Is U gāi siggha K gāc sēra. Is dua-u (? dūa-u) pāni, U dōnō. K dūnau pāni pī°. Ia chōra, Ib K chānahī, Is chānī. Ia hōi ninārā, Ibcd karai nirārā. K pāni sō karahi ninārā. 7. Ib barihi, Ic wahū sama, Id balī lī-hī sama. Is dubare baria dua-u, U baria ēka, K dūbaru balī ēka. 8. Icd saba prithimī āsīai, Is sabai prithimī asīai, U saba prathimī mīli asīai, K sabhai prathimī asīa dēt. Ia lāi lāi bhāi mātha, Ic dui hātha Id kara hātha U jōra jōra dou hātha. 9. Ia gāga jamuna, Ibd gagana jamuna, Ics gāga jauna jau lahi jāla. U gagga jumuni jala jau lahi, K gagū jauna jau lagi jala. Ib ammaru nātha, Is J ammaru mātha. U tau lagi, Id amura to mātha.

15. I tell of his justice,¹ how it is upon the earth. Not even to a crawling ant doth anyone (dare to) give pain. Naushērwan² was called 'The Just,' but even he was not equal to the justice of Shēr Shāh. He did justice like unto 'Umar,'³ for the cry for justice to him was (spread over) the whole world. No one dareth even to touch a nose-ring lying fallen on the ground, (much less to pick it up and appropriate it). On the very highways do men sweep up gold. The cow⁴ and the tiger walk together on the same road, and both drink water together at the same landing-ford. He straineth milk and water (mixed together) in his court, and separateth the one from the other. Sincerity marcheth with piety and justice, and the weak and the mighty he keepeth on even terms.

The whole earth blesseth him, folding its hands continually, and crying, may that head endure immortal as long as there is water in the Ganges and the Jamunā.

¹ This reference to Shēr Shāh's justico ('adl) may have a complimentary reference to his son 'Adal. See J. A. S. B., Pt. I, 1890, p. 167.

² The celebrated king of Persia, surnamed 'Adil, or the Just. He ascended the throne 531 A. D. He was the Chosroes of the Greeks. Muḥammad (B. 571) used to boast of his good fortune in being born when so just a king reigned. He died 579 A. D.

³ The second Caliph in succession to Muḥammad. See note to 12, 9.

⁴ Gōru is properly any domesticated herbivorous animal.

चौ ॥ पुनि वपवंत वचानउं काहा । जावँत जगत सबर सुख चाहा ॥
 ससि चउदधि जो दरै संवारा । ते-ङ्ग चाहि रूप उँकिआरा ॥
 पाप जाइ जउं दरसन दीसा । जग जुहारि कर देइ असीसा ॥
 अरस भानु जग जपर तपा । 'सबर रूप सोहि आगर रपा ॥
 अस भा खूर पुदछ निरमरा । खूर चाहि दस आगरि करा ॥
 सउँह दिखि कर हेरि न आई । अँद देखा सो रखा सिर गआई ॥
 रूप सवाई दिन दिन चढा । निधि सुरूप जग जपर गढा ॥

दो ॥ रूपवंत मनि माँथर चाँद घाट सोहि बाढि ।
 नेदिनि दरस सोभानी असमुति विनवर ठाढि ॥ १६ ॥

16. In Is this is No. 4. 1. Ib *kūhā*, *cāhā*. Id *sabahi*, K *muha*. 2. U *caudasī cāda dai sāvārā*. Iabo U *daī*, Is *daiya*. U K *tā hū*. Ic *cāhi aṭhika ūjī*°. 3. K *jāi pāpa*. Is *pāpa ghafai jāi*, U K *jō*, P *jō or jau*. U *gagata juhārai dēi*. 4. Ic K *sabhai*. 5. Id *purukha sūra niramārā*. Is *bhū asa sūra pu*°. U *asi bhaye sūra purakhi naramālā* (sic). K *asa ohi sūra nāwa niramālā*. Ibo *duha*. U *kālā*. K *ohi āgari kālā*. 6. U *hēru*. Is *jāi jāi dēkha rahai*, Ib *jō dēkhai so rahai*, U *jō dēkhā so rahā lubhāi*, K *jō dēkhai sō raha sharamāi*. 7. Ic *saba ūpara*. Ib *surūpa*. Other Ps doubtful, N *sarūpa*. Is *darapawanta*. 9. Is K *mēdani darasa lobhānī*. U *mēdina darasi lu*°.

16. Again, how can I describe his comeliness, for all the world desireth the beauty of his countenance. His comeliness surpasseth in brightness even the full moon which God created. Sin abandoneth those who reverently gaze upon him, and the whole world maketh obeisance and blesseth him. As when the sun blazeth over the world, so, before him, all things hide their comeliness (in shame.) Thus did the sun¹ become a spotless man, with ten times more² beauty than the sun itself. No one can look upon him face to face, and if anyone see him, he remaineth with bent head. His comeliness increaseth by a quarter, day by day, for the Creator formed his beauty above the world.

Comely is he with a jewelled (tiara) on his brow, and the moon waneth as he waxeth; while the earth, craving to see him, standeth and humbly offereth its praises.

चौ ॥ पुनि दातार दरै बड कोन्हा । अस जग दान न काङ्ग होन्हा ॥
 बलि विकरम दानी बड अचे । हातिम करम तिआगी कचे ॥
 खेर साहि सरि पूज न कोक । समुंद सुमेर घढिँ निति होक ॥
 दान डाँक बाजर दरबारा । कीरति गई समुंद-चौ पारा ॥

¹ Here again the word *sūra* is introduced with a threefold meaning, hero, sun and proper name.

² *Āqari* means 'more than.' Cf. 381, 2, and 454, 8.

बल्लभ परसि खर जग भद्रज । दारिद्र भागि दिसंनर नद्रज ॥
जउं कोर जार एक बेरि नाँगा । जनम-ऊ भद्रज न भूँचा नाँगा ॥
इस बसनेध जग जेर कोन्हा । दान पुत्र सरि सी-उ न दोन्हा ॥

दो ॥ बरस दानि जग उपजा • खेर साहि दुखतान ।

ना बस भद्रज न खीरखी ना कोर देर बस दान ॥ १७ ॥

17. Here Is resumes the correct numbering. 1. Iabc U¹dai, Is *duica*, U *daū*. U *baḍi*, *asi*, *dāni*. 2. Iod K transpose *dhē* and *kūhē*. Iod U *Bali au Bīkrama dāni*, K *Bali au Kārna dātā baḍa*. Is *Hētama*, U *Hōtama*, K *Hētama*. 3. U *sara-pīji*, Is K *ghaḥai*. U *sumēru bhāḍārī dōū*. 4. Is *ḍāka dāna*. U *dāna ḍayka*. Is *samūda kai*, Ib U *samundara pārā*. 5. U *kañcana barasi sūra kali*. K *kañcana barisa sūra kali*. 6. Is *bāra eka nāgā*. Other P *biru* or *biri*. Iac *janama na hūi bhūkha au nāgā*. U *janama hōi nahi bhūkhā nāgā*. 7. Ibcs *jō kīnhā*. U K *dasi asimēda jagya jō*. Is *tinha-hū surasari dāna na dīnhā*. Ib *dāna punna sari tāhu na dīnhā*. Id *sari saūhi*. Is *sē-u na*, U *sō uni cīnhā*. K *unha sabha kē dīnhā*. 8. U K *juga āpara*. 9. U *kou dai asi*.

17. Again God hath made him, so greatly generous, that none in the world hath ever given gifts like unto him. Bali¹ and Vikramāditya² were famed for their generosity, and Ilātim Tāe³ and Kārṇa⁴ were described as lavish; but none of them equalleth Shēr Shāh, for the very ocean and even Mount Mēru, are ever minishing (as they give up their jewels and gold). The kettle-drum of his generosity soundeth at his court, and the fame thereof hath gone even across the ocean. The world touched this Sun,⁵ and became of gold compact, so that poverty fled and went beyond the borders of his kingdom. He who but once approacheth him and asketh, for all his life is free from hunger and from nakedness. Even that (King of old) who performed ten horse-sacrifice,—even he gave not holy gifts like him.

So generous hath Sultan Shēr Shāh been born upon the world, that none hath e'er been like him, or will be, nor doth anyone give such gifts.

चो ॥ सरसद बसरफ खीर पिबारा । तेर मोहि पंथ दोन्हा उजियारा ॥

खेसा बिबर पन कर दोन्हा । उठी जोति भा निरनर खोन्हा ॥

1 The well-known Daitya, who gave Viṣṇu his famous three paces of ground.

2 "Clarum et venerabile nomen."

3 Familiar to readers of the Bāgh-o-Bahār (story of the second Darwēsh.)

4 The famous Hero of the Mahābhārata. The son of Kuntī by Sūrya. He was more famous for his chivalry than for his generosity.

5 Again the triple pun on the word *sūra*. Shēr Shāh is compared to a philosopher's stone which changed all that touched it into gold.

नारग कृता बंधेर बखना । भा बंधोर सब जाना बूझा ॥
 चार ससुंदर पाप मोर मेला । बोहित भरम लीन्ह कर चेला ॥
 उन्ह मोर करिष पोडि कर गया । पाछुं तीर घाट जो बचा ॥
 जा कहँ सीद बरस कनचारा । ता कहँ गहि लैर लावहि पारा ॥
 दसगीर गाठे के साथी । जहँ बडगाव दिहँ तहँ साथी ॥
 दो ॥ जहंगीर बोहि चिल्ली निचकलंक अस चाँद ।
 वेद मसकूम जगत के चहुँ उन्ह के घर बाँद ॥ १८ ॥

18. 1. Ia jehi (or jinha) mohi, Is tinha mohi, U tē. P (exc. Ia) tinha or tehī. 2. Ia lēsē-hī eka pēma. Ibid U K prēma, Is pīrama (sic). Ib wahī jōti, U ōhi jōta, Id bhai sō jōti bhā, Ic bhai nīramala, K bhai nīramala. 3. Ib huta ādhēra sō sūjhā, Ic huta jo ādhēra asūjhā, Id illegible, Is mārāga hato ādhīra sō sūjhā, so U but ādhēra, K mārāga andha hōta sō sūjhā. Ib bhā ājēra, Ic U jaga jānā, Id parā sūjha saba jānā. 4. K rākhu kai. 5. N unhi, P ohī or unha. Ia کریہی, Ic kari, Id ohī kara mōra pō. Is pōha kai, U pauḍhi kai K unha mori kairihura (?) pauḍhi kai gāhī ghāṭa jahā rāhī. Ia jahā āhā, U ghāṭi. 6. Ib jā kē, Ic jā kara aisa hōhi, Id U K jā kara hōhi aisa, Ia gāhī bēga lei lāwai pārū, Ib K turita bēgi sō utarai, Is turita bēgi sō pāwai. U turita ēi lai lāwai. 8. Is oi cistī, K rūpa jai se jaga cāda. K oi atī baḍē jagata mahā. Ic hama unha. Ic unha kara.

18. Saiyad Ashraf (Jahāngīr)¹ was an elect saint, and he it was who threw light upon my path. He lit the lamp of love within my heart; the light burned up, and my heart became pure. My way had been dark and invisible, and lo! it became bright and I understood. He cast my sins into the salt ocean, and making me as his disciple took me into the boat of virtue. He grasped my rudder firmly,² and I reached the landing place on the far bank. If a man hath such a steersman,³ he graspeth him and bringeth to the other side. He is a protector, and one who succoureth in time of trouble, and, where (the water) is fathomless, there giveth he his hand.

His family title was Jahāngīr, pure like the moon. He was the Holy Master of the World, and I am the slave of his house.

¹ Saiyad Ashraf was one of the founders of the line of spiritual preceptors, whose representative in the first half of the 16th century (Muḥiū'd-dīn) taught the poet. For full particulars see note to stanza 20.

² This is a difficult passage. Kariā is the same as kaḍī, an iron ring, or a beam, hence a rudder. Either meaning will do here. Other MSS., and printed editions have unha mora kara būḍata kai gāhā, he grasped my hand as I was sinking. Pōḍhi kai means 'firmly.'

³ Kanahāru or kanadhāra is the Sanskrit karṇadhāra.

चौ ॥ तेंहि वर रतन एक निरमरा । राजी सेव सुभाकर भरा ॥
 तेंहि वर दुर दीपक उंजियारि । पंच देर कइं दरें सवारि ॥
 सेव सुभाकर पूजिउं करा । सेव कमास जयन निरमरा ॥
 दुख-उ अचल भुव जोखहिं नाहीं । मेर बिबिध तिन्ह-ऊ उपराहीं ॥
 दीन्ह रूप अउ जोति गोसार्ह । कीन्ह संभ दुजं जग कर तार्ह ॥
 दुजं संभ डेकी सव मची । दुजं के भार सिद्धि धिर रही ॥
 जो दरसर अउ परसर पार्थ । पाप जरा निरसर भर काय ॥

दो ॥ सुखमद तर्ही निषिंत पंच जेहि सँग सुरसिद्ध पौर ।

जेहि रें नाउ अउ सेवक देगि पाउ सो तौर ॥ १८ ॥

19. 1. *Id ohi or unha.* Is U *unha*, K *tinha*, U K *niramālā*, *bhālā*. Iad شيخ Ibc سيكه. Ib *so bhāgai*, Ic *sabhā guna*, U *sabai guna*, K *sabhāgā*. Is U *tinha ghara*. K *tinha kē ghara dui dīpa*, Ic *ūjārā*, *sāwārā*. Is *daiya sã*. K *daā sã*. 3. Iad شيخ Ibc سيكه, U *sēkha muhammado*, Ia U K *kālā*, *niramālā*. 4. Is *khaṇḍa khaṇḍa*. U *khakhaṇḍa tāhu*, K *khikhida tāhi*. 5. Is *khābha*, U *jaga kī nāi*. 6. Ia *tēkā*, Is *tēkū taba*. U *duhā kē bhāra erisī thira rāhī* | *dōnu-hū karu tēki saba māhī*, K *tau tehi bhāra jagata thira*. 7. Is *jinha darasyau au parasyau*, K *jinha darasā parasā unha pāyā*. Is *bhau*, K *bhā*. 8. K *nicinta rahu*. 9. All copies insert *kariā* before *khēwaka*, except U *jehi rē nūva hai kariyā*, and K *jehi rē nūva kariyā*. The omission of either *kariā* or *khēwaka* is required by the metre, but, except U and K, all copies have both. K *bēgi sō lāvai tīra*.

19. In his house was a spotless jewel, Hāji Shēkh by name, full-filled with good fortune. In his house were two bright lights, whom God created to show the way. Shēkh Mubārak glorious as a fullmoon, and Shēkh Kamāl spotless in the world. Both were steadfast, unmoveable like pole-stars, exalted even above Mēru and Kukhaṇḍa.¹ God gave them beauty and glory, and made them pillars of the world. On these two pillars supported He the earth, and under their weight the universe remained firm. Whoever saw them and reverently touched their feet, his sins were lost and his body became pure.

O Muḥammad, there is the road secure, where a saintly teacher beareth company. When he hath a boat and a rower, a man quickly gaineth the other side.

चौ ॥ गुह मोहिदी सेवक मरें सेवा । चरद उतारल जेहि कर सेवा ॥
 अगुषा भउउ सेव वरदान । पंच छार जेहि दीन्ह मिथान ॥
 अलखदाद भल तेंहि कर गुरु । दीन दुनी रोसन सुख-रु ॥
 सरयद सुखमद के वेद चेला । सिद्ध पुख पंजन जेद चेला ॥

¹ See line 1 of the second stanza.

दामिनास गुह पंच लखाय । वजरत फाज खिदिर नैर पाय ॥
 भद्र परसन बोधि वजरत फाने । कोर नैरए जई सदयद राजे ॥
 बोधि सउँ मई पाई जव करनी । उघरी जीभ कथा कवि बरनी ॥
 दो ॥ बेंर सो गुह जउँ चेला मिति विनवउँ भा चेर ।
 बोधि ऊत देखद पाछजं दरस मोसाई केर ॥ १० ॥

20. 1. U mohṭ dai khē°. K guru mahiudī kaha eka mai sōwā. Iad jā kara, U tinha kara, K jinha mohi khēwā. 2. K āgē, Iad شيخ Ibo سيكه. U baḍa-hānā; Ic U mohi dīnha. 3. U K tinha kē gūrū, Iad سرخرو Ibo سرکهرو Is K surukhu rū, U surakhu rū. 4. Ias siddhanha purukhanha jehi sāga khēlā (Is has jyaū), Ic jai rē siddha purukha sāga khēlā. K jinha siddhyā purukhanha sāga khēlā. 5. U lagāē, K dāniara dekhālāē. Ibc U jehi pāē, K mana lāē. All P give خضر, N khidīra. 6. Ia U K tehi haḡ°. Is jē haḡ°. U āni milāē saiyaḍa, K lau lagāē lei saḍū rājē. 7. Id jā pūi karanī, N saba karanī, P jibha parama (?) (پر), N kathā. 8. tehi ghara kū haū cēlā, Id tehi guru kū haū, K waha rē guru, U K hwai cēra. 9. Ia ohi tai, U jehi tai, K dēkhana.

20. Muḥiū'd-dīn was my preceptor, my steersman, and I served him. He crosseth speedily who hath the ferry-fare.¹ Before him was Shēkh Burhān, who brought him on the path and gave him knowledge. His spiritual guide was the good Alhadād, who in the world was a light and beauteous in the faith. He was a disciple of Saiyad Muḥammad. Who e'er enjoyed² his fellowship, became a perfected man. To him did Dāniyāl point out the path,—Dāniyāl, who consorted with Ḥazrat Khwāja Khizr. The Ḥazrat Khwāja was pleased with him, and brought him (as a disciple) to Saiyad Rājī Ḥamid Shāh. From him (Muḥiū'd-din) did I win all my (good) deeds. My tongue was loosened,³ and, a poet, I (learned to) tell my tale.⁴

¹ The fare was the service which the poet rendered his master.

² Lit. sported in his company.

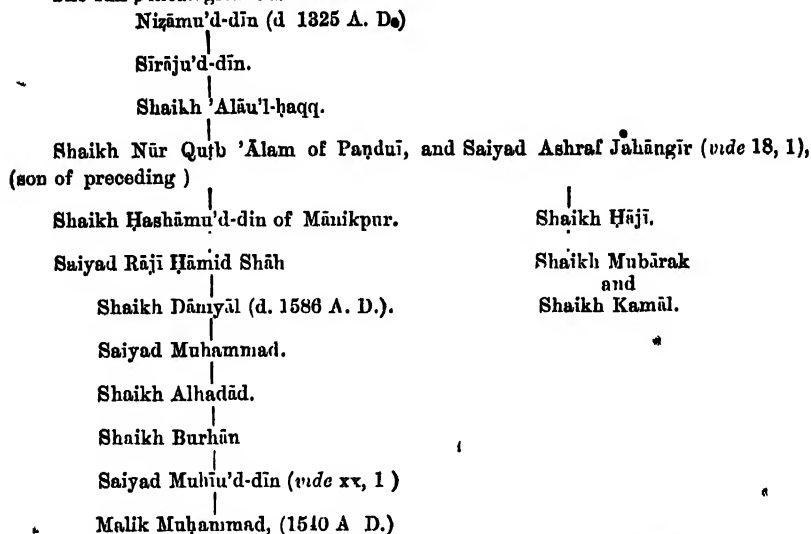
³ Lit. uncovered.

⁴ The following account of Malik Muḥammad's spiritual ancestors is taken partly from what the poet himself tells us, and partly from the Urdū gloss and other sources.

He belonged to the *Qishtiā Nizāmiyā*, that is to say he belonged to the spiritual descent which took its name from the celebrated Nizāmu'd-dīn Auliya, the teacher of Āmīr Khusrō, who died about 1325 A. D. His disciple was Sirāju'd-dīn, whose disciple was Shaikh 'Alāu'l-ḥaqq. 'Alāu'l-ḥaqq's son and disciple was Shaikh Nūr Quṭb 'Ālam (d. 1444) of Panḍni, and another disciple was Saiyad Ashraf Jahāngīr (see 18, 1.) Ashraf's most famous disciple was Shaikh Hājī, whose disciples were Shaikh Mubārak, and Shaikh Kamāl. Shaikh Nūr Quṭb 'Ālam and Saiyad Ashraf Jahāngīr were fellow disciples (*pīr bhāī*), and from them eighth in descent came Malik Muḥammad. (Fl. 1540 A. D.)

He was my master and I his disciple, evermore do I bow before him as his slave. Through him did I obtain a sight of the Creator.

The full genealogical table is as follows :—



From this it follows that the poet was not an actual disciple of Saiyad Ashraf Jahāngīr, as might be assumed from xviii, 1 and ff. Malik Muḥammad merely refers to him and praises him as his spiritual ancestor. A tradition makes him the poet's *mantra-guru*, while Muḥīu'd-dīn was his *vidyā-guru*, i. e., the one initiated him, and the other taught him, but this seems to be very improbable, though not inconsistent with Malik Muḥammad's own language. Shaikh Dāniyāl, the fifth in the line before the poet appears to have been a friend of the well-known Khwāja Khizr, who introduced him to his preceptor, Saiyad Rājī Ḥamid Shāh. Shaikh Burhān, Malik Muḥammad's spiritual grandfather resided at Kāl'pī in Bundēl'khāṇḍ, and is said to have died at 100 years of age in A. H. 970, or A. D. 1562-63. See Rep. Arch. Sur. Ind. xxi, 131.

As the prophet Muhammad (see xii, 1) had four friends, so also had the poet Malik Muḥammad. He tells us their names were Malik Yūsuf, Salār Khādīm, Miyaḥ Salōnē and Shaikh Baḡḡ. Concerning these, see the introduction to this paper, and xxii, 1 and ff.

The Urdū gloss concludes (I insert dates and other particulars in parentheses), 'Those who consider that Ḥazrat 'Abdu'l-Qādir Jilānī (b. 1078, d. 1166) (God's mercy be upon him) is descended from Saiyad Muḥīu'd-dīn, and that Saiyad Rājū Qattāl (d. 1403) is descended from Saiyad Rājī are far from being in the right. It is clear that the line of Qadariyās is descended from Ḥazrat 'Abdu'l-Qādir Jilānī. His preceptor was Ḥazrat Abū Saiyad.

'Saiyad Rājū Qattāl was full brother of Ḥazrat Saiyad Jalālu'd-dīn of Bukhārā (who was known as Makhdūm Jahāniyān Jahān (Gusht Shaikh Jalāl), and was his disciple.) He was a Suharwardiya by sect.

'Another disciple of Ḥazrat Nizāmu'd-dīn (the founder of Malik Muḥammad's

चौ ॥ एक नयन कवि मुहमद गुनी । सीर बिनीसा जँद कवि दुनी ॥
 चाँद जइस जूय बिधि अउतारा । दीन्ह कलंक कीन्ह उँलियारा ॥
 जग खूभा एकद नयनाहाँ । उखा खूक जस नयनन्ह नाहाँ ॥
 जउ छहि आँबिहि डॉम न सीर । तउ छहि दुगँध बसाद न सीर ॥
 कीन्ह समुँदर पानि जउ खारा । तउ अति भण्डु अखन अपारा ॥
 जउ सुनेह तिरखल बिनासा । भा कंचन गिरि लागु अकासा ॥
 जउ छहि घरी कलंक न परा । काँचु सीर नहिँ कंचन करा ॥

दो ॥ एक नयन जस दरपन अउ तेंहि निरमर भाउ ।

सब बपवँनद पाउ गहि मुख जीअरि कर चाउ ॥ २१ ॥

21. 1. K *kali*, K *kali pñi*. 3. *Ids asa*, K *uā sūra*. 4. U K *ābā dābha nahī*. Rūm Jasan's edition gives *basāyana sōi*, but all P give بسای نسوی 5. *Ia tau suñhi*, Ib *tau āsa*, Ic *taba ati*, *Ids tau ati kinha*, K *tau waha bhacū*. 6. *Ias jāū*. 7. K *kācu hōi kaicena kī kōrā*. 8. *U tasa niramala tehi bhāu*. 9. K *rupavanta bandārahī*, Ia *rūpawanta gahi jōahī*, sō *karahī gahi pāu*. Ib *mukha cahahī kai*, J *mukha cāhai kai*, K *mukha dēkhana ke cāu*.

21. Muḥammad the poet was skilful, though he had but one eye,¹ and all who heard him were entranced. Even as God created the moon for the universe, so He put a dark spot upon him, while He made him bright. With that one eye the poet saw in the world, as Venus is brilliant among the other stars.² Until there come black spots upon a mango-fruit, it hath no fragrant scent. God made the water of the ocean salt, but nevertheless He made it immeasurably boundless. Mount Mēru was destroyed by (Çiva's) trident,³ and then it became a mountain of gold,⁴ and reached to heaven. Till black firestains defile the crucible, (the ore) remaineth unsmelted, and becometh not pure gold.

line) was Shaikh Ruknu'd-din 'Abū 'l-faḥ Ma'āşir (fl. 1310), who was also disciple of his own father Shaikh Şadru'd-din ('Arif, d. 1309). This last was disciple of his father Shaikh Bahāu'd-din Zikariyā (d. 1266) of Mul'tān, who was disciple of Shaikh Shahābu'd-din (Suharwardiya, d. 1234), who travelled from city to city as missionary (peace be upon him).'

Makhdūm Jahāniyān was a disciple of Ruknu'd-din abovementioned. The Suharwardiyas form a branch of the followers of the *çifī* sect, and are named from Suharward, a town near Bagdad, the birth place of the founder Shahābu'd-din above mentioned.

¹ This means that he was literally blind of one eye. The poet still, however thanks God for all His mercies, and points out that every great and good thing in Nature has some detracton.

² Çukra, the regent of the planet Venus has only one eye.

³ I have not traced this legend. It may be a reference to Indra's cutting off the wings of the mountains.

⁴ It is a golden mountain. See Viṣṇu Purāṇa II, 2.

The poet hath but one eye, but it is (bright) as a mirror, and his soul is pure. All that are beautiful clasp his feet, and desire to see his face.

चौ ॥ चारि नीत कवि मुहम्मद पाद ॥ जोरि निताई सरि पडुंचार ॥
 सुसुप सल्लिक पंडित अउ ग्यानी । पहिलर भेद बात वेद जानी ॥
 पुनि सलार कादिन सति साहीं । खांडर दान उभर निजि बाहीं ॥
 निषां सलाने सिंध अपाह । बीर खेत रन खरग जुभाह ॥
 सेख बडे बड सिख बखाना । कर खदेस सिखन्ह बड खाना ॥
 चारि-उ चतुर-दसा गुन पडे । अउ संजोग गोसाई गडे ॥
 निरिख जो आरहि चंदन पासा । चंदन होहिं बेधि तेहि बासा ॥

दो ॥ मुहम्मद चारि-उ नीत निखि भद्र जो एकर चित्तु ।
 * छदि जग साथ जो निबहा खोदि जग बिहरई किनु ॥ २१ ॥

22. 1. P سر, U *sira*, K *ora*. 2. Ia *yūsufa mallika paṇḍita gyānī*, Ib *bahu gyā*, Id *baḍa gyā*, K *jō paṇḍita gyā*.^o All N have *isapha* for *yūsufha*. Iao K *paḥilahi*, K *paḥilī*. 3. Iac كان, Ib گاجن, Id قان, Is *kandana*. Ib *khāḍahi*, U *ubhai*, K *uḥai jō bā*. 4. U *apārā, juḡhārā*, Ia *khēla au*, K *briga sitaraini (?) jo kharaga johārā*. 5. Iabc سيكه, Id شيخ, Ib K *bakhānī, jānī* (K *mānī*), Iabd *baḍa jānā*. Is *sādhunha*. 6. Ia *catura guna dasa wei*, Ib K *dasau guna*. U *cārō catura au dasi guna* (sic), Icd *au sāga jōga*, K *au saba jōga*. Is repeats the last line by a mistake of the copyist. Printed editions have *sinha jōga*. 7. Ib *jo rōpahī*, U *jo upajai*. K *purukha jo āpē* (آپی for اچھی). K *jau bēdhai bāsā*. 8. Icd bhā. 9. Ia *sātha nibāhā*. U *yaha jaga ōra nibāhā*. K *sātha jīwana bhā* (جيو نېها for جيون بها). Ia U *bichurahī*.

22. The poet Muḥammad¹ had four friends, who by giving him their friendship raised him to equality with themselves. One was Malik Yūsuf, the learned and wise, who first knew the secret doctrine. The next was Salār Khādīm, of mighty mind, whose arms were ever raised either in (wielding) the sword or in (distributing) gifts. The third was Miyā Salōnē, a lion unsurpassed, whose sword fought with heroes in the battle-field. The fourth was Shēkh Baḍē, famed as a sage. He greatly honoured those who were perfected by performing their initiatory rites.² All four were learned in the fourteen³ branches of knowledge, and God himself created their association (with the poet). Let a tree

¹ So also had the Prophet Muḥammad, see xii, 1. Regarding these four men, see introductory remarks.

² *Adēsa* is the initiation of a *cēlā* by a *guru*.

³ The 4 Vēdas, the 6 Vēdāngas, the Purāṇas, the Mīmāṃsā, the Nyāya, and Dharma.

but dwell near a sandal-grove, and if thou pierce it, the odour of sandal cometh from it.

O Muḥammad, when thou hast found these four friends, and ye all became of one soul, when thou hast accomplished their companionship in this world, how can they be separated in the next?

चौ ॥ जाग्रत नगर धरम-असयान् । तहाँ आर कवि कौंह बखान् ॥
 कर बिनतौ पँडितन्ह सउँ भजा । दूटि सँवारउ मेरनउ सजा ॥
 सउँ सब कवितन्ह कर पदलग । किहु कहि चला तबस देरउगा ॥
 रिस भँडार नग अहर जो पूँजी । सोलौ जीभ ताव कर कुँजी ॥
 रतन पदारथ मोली मोला । सु-रस पेन-नधु भरो अमोला ॥
 जेहि कर बोलि विरह कर घाया । कहँ तेहि भूख नौँद कहँ दया ॥
 फेरद भेस रहद भा तपा । धूरि छपेटा मानिक जपा ॥
 दो ॥ सुखद कया जो पेन कर मा तेहि रक्त न भाँदु ।
 जेह सुख देखा तेहँ हँसा दुनि तेहि आग्रउ चाँदु ॥ १२ ॥

23. 1. *Ibd tahavā bahu* *Io tahā una kabitanha ki°*. *Is tahā awara*, *K tahā unvani*. 2. *Ibs U au bi°*, *Id binatī kara*. *U kabitanha*. *K au paṇḍita sō binatī bhājā* *Ib bhākhē ... sākhe*, *Is bhājā ... sājā*. *Iad mērehu*. *Is meraehu*. *U fūfi mirāi sāvārahu sājā*. *K fūfala sāvāraha au merabai sājā*. 3. *N paṇḍitanha*, *U pachilāgā ... dāgā*. *Is gai dāgā*. *K kichu kai cuhau kathā kara āgā*. 4. *Is jō kachu pūjī U hiyā bhāḍāra āhi naga pūjī*. *Is khōlu*, *U lai kū°*. *Is tārā ki*. *K khōlau, tāla au kū°*. 5. *Is U bōlē bō°*. *K bōlau bō°*. *Is K pēma-rasa*, *lds U pēma mada*. 6. *So Is*. *Ib kāhā tehi bhūkhā kahā tehi kāyā*, *lc kahā tehi rūpa kahā kai kāyā*, *Id kahā tehi bhūkhā kahā tehi māyā*. *Is kū tehi bhūkhā nīda kū māyā*. *U K kahā tehi rūpa kahā tehi māyā*. 7. *Is lāai bhēsa*. 8. *kayā*, so *U K*. It makes good sense. *P kabi jō prēma kā*. *Is kabi jo pirama kā bhā tana rakata*. 9. *Io sunū to*. *Is sunū tā*.

23. The city Jāyas is a holy spōt, there came the poet and told his lay. There humbly waited I upon Hindū scholars, and prayed them¹ to correct and mend the broken (metre) and arrangement (of my song).² I am a follower of poets, and I go forward saying my say, and beating the drum with the drum-stick to proclaim it.³ My heart is a treasure-house, and it holdeth a store of precious stones. I opened it with the key of my tongue and palate. I spoke words,—jewels, and rubies, sweet, filled with the wine of love, and priceless. He whose speech is

¹ *Bhājā* or *bhājā*, is equivalent to *bhrājā*, *s. e.*, *prakāṣita kiā*, 'made manifest,' hence 'presented' a petition.

² *Pachalāgā* and *dāgā* would give better metre. *Dāgā* is a drum-stick. The poet means that he is impelled to publish his lay by beat of drum, so to speak, *s. e.*, as loudly as possible. A simpler rendering is obtained by amending the text to *kichu kahī calatā bōla dei dāgā*, 'saying my say, I progress, setting down the feet of Language;' in which language is metaphorically compared to a foot, or step (*dāgā*)

wounded by love,¹—What is hunger or sleep or shade to him? He changeth his appearance, and he remaineth in torture, like a jewel covered and hidden in the dust.

O Muḥammad, the body which love hath, hath neither blood nor flesh. Whoever seeth such a man face to face laugheth, but when the lover heareth the laughter tears come (into his eyes).

चौ॥ सन मउ सर सरँतालिस अहे । कथा अरंभ बरन कवि कहे ॥
 सिंघल दीप पदुमिनी रानी । रतन सेन चितउरं गढ आनी ॥
 अलाउदीन देखिही सुलतानू । राघव चेतन कीन्ह बखानू ॥
 घुना साहि गढ हँका आर । हिन्दू तुषकन्ह भरै खराई ॥
 आदि अंत जस गाथा अही । लिखि भाषा अउपारै कही ॥
 कवि विशास रस कवँला पूरी । दूरि सो निखर निखर सो दूरी ॥
 निखरहि दूरि फूल जस काँटा । दूरि जो निखरहि जस गुर चाँटा ॥
 दो॥ भँवर आर नन-खंड सउँ खेद कवँल रस बास ।
 दादुर बास न पावरै भँलहि जो आबरु पास ॥ २४ ॥

इति असतुति खंड ॥ १ ॥

24. 1. *Ia āhā ... kāhā. K āhī ... kāhī* All texts agree in giving the date (A. H.) as 947. Rām Jasan's edition gives 927 which is certainly wrong. *Ia tāhī āina kāhā* 2. *sēni* so Is K. J has *saīna*. 3. *Ia suratānū. Is dhīlī sulitānū, K dālī, cētani*, so all N. 4. N have *sāha* not *sāhi*, which is the usual spelling elsewhere. 5. *Is kathā āhī. Ia kathā jo āhī, K ālī anta kathā asi āhī kāhī. U bhākhā mai caupāi kāhī.* 6. *Io K biāsa jasa. Ia dūri jo niarahi niarē dūri*, *Ics dūrihi niara niara bhā dūri*, *Id dūrihi niara jo niarahi dūri. U dūri su niarē niarē dūri.* 7. *Ids sāgu kāḍ, U sama kāḍ.* *Io K dūri niara jaisi gura. Ids dūri jo niarē sō gura, U dūri so niarē jasa.* 8. *Io U K khaṇḍa tai. Is khaṇḍahū. Id U kī bāsa, Is kai bāsa. Ib U pāwahī.* 9. *Ib jō āchui ohī pāsa. Id K sadū jo āchāi pāsa. Is āchahi.*

24. It was the year 947 (of the Hijra),² when the poet began to tell this tale in words. Of Ceylon and Queen Padmāvati, whom Ratna Sēna brought to Citaur castle; of 'Alāu'd-dīn, the Sultan of Delhi, and of how Rāghava Caitanya told him of her. How the Emperor heard and besieged the castle, and how there arose the war between the Hindūs and the Muḥalmāns. From beginning to end, just as the story runs, so wrote he it in the language of the people, and told it in verse. The

¹ Here we have the first instance of the poet's use of the word *biraha*. He uses it to mean love, especially unhappy love. In countless places it cannot possibly have the usual meaning of 'separation from a beloved one.' *Ghāyā* is translated in the Urdū Gloss by بهری 'full of.' I can find no authority for this.

² 1540 A. D..

poet, the bard,¹ and the lotus full of nectar, are near to what is far and far from what is near. That which is near is yet far, like the flower and the thorn (so near and yet so different), and that which is far is near, like sugar and the ants (who dwell so far from it, yet find it out).

So the bee² cometh from the (distant) forest, and findeth the odour of the lotus-nectar, while the frog ne'er findeth the odour, though he dwelleth (in the pond) close to (the flower).

अथ सिंघल-दीप-बरनन खंड ॥ २ ॥

बो ॥ सिंघल-दीप कथा अब गावउँ । अब सो पदुमिनि बरनि सुनावउँ ॥
 बरन क हरपन भाँति दिखेबा । जो जोहि रूप सो तरसर देखा ॥
 धनि सो दीप जहँ दीपक नारी । अब सो पदुमिनि हर अबतारी ॥
 सात दीप बरनइ सब लोगू । एक-उ दीप न जोहि सरि जोगू ॥
 दिया-दीप नहि तस उँजिआरा । सरन-दीप सरि सोइ न पारा ॥
 जंब दीप कहउँ तस नाहीं । लंक-दीप पूज न परिआहीं ॥
 दीप कुभसथल चारन परा । दीप मऊसथल मानुस हरा ॥

दो ॥ सब संसार पिरियुमीं आए सात-उ दीप ।

एक-उ दीप न कतिम सिंघल दीप समीप ॥ २५ ॥

25. 1. Is K gāwau, sunāwau, U gāwō, sunāwō. Id au bahu padumini, J barana.
 2. U niramala darapana, K badana kudana (?) jasa bhānu bisēkhā, Ia jō jehi bhāti.
 Ib jehi jasa rūpa soi tasa dēkhā, Id jō jehi, Is jō jasa rūpa, U taisahi, K jehi jasa rūpa
 so taisahi dēkhā. 3. Id dhani waha dīpa. Is dhanya dēsa jehi dīpaka. K dhanya
 dīpa jehi. Ia dāi sāvārī, Ib au bidhi padumini autārī, Ia au jō padumini dāi sāvārī,
 Is dñiya sāvārī, U asa padumini dāi autārī, K au padumini dāi autārī. 4. Icds saba
 baranaī (Is baranaī) lōgā. Ipc K tehi sari, Id waha sari. 5. Ib wasa nahi ūji,
 U nahi asa, K tasa nahi. U transposes ll. 5 & 6. Is sarala-dīpa, U sārāga-dīpa,
 K sarā-dīpa. 6. U sari nāhi. Ia layka-dīpa sari pūja na tāhī, Ib layka-dīpa nahi
 pūjai chāhī. Ic layka-dīpa pūjai parichāhī. Id layka-dīpa pūja parichāhī. U laykā-
 dīpa na pūjai chāhī, K laykā-dīpa na puja parichāhī. 7. Kum̐bhasathala, so Iab
 U, Ic k-s-th-l; Id, k-s-sā-h-l; Is kūcsthila, K kōsthila. Is U pārā, hārā, K āra
 bahānā. Ia mahasthala, Ib mai asthala, Ic mahūsthala, Id U mewasthala, Is mahūsthala,
 K mewasthala. 8. Is K prīthimī, U prathyumī, Ia au sāta-u saba dīpa, Ib au saba sāta-u
 dīpa, U aua ju sātō, K au yahu sata-u. 9. Ia na ūpamā, Ib na ūpara, Ic na pāū,
 U uttama, K dīpa tehi sari.

1 Kabi is one who makes poems, biāsa (vyāsa) is one who recites poems.

2 I. e., a prophet has no honour in his own country. The author means that he is aware that his own country-folk, and his own people (the Muṣalmāns) will not care for his poem; but, on the other hand men of distant lands and of other religions (the Hindūs) will be attracted by it, as the bee is attracted by the distant lotus.

CANTO II.

SĪPHALA.

25. Now sing I the tale of Sīphala-dvīpa,¹ and tell of the perfect woman.² My description is like an excellent mirror, in which each form is seen as it really is. Happy is that land where the women are lights,³ and where God created that (famous) Padminī (Padmāvati). All people tell of seven lands, but none is fit to compare with Sīphala. The Diyā-land⁴ (or land of lamps) is not so bright as it. The land of Saran⁵ cannot bear comparison with it. I say that Jambū-land⁶ is nowhere like it, and that Laṅka-land cannot even fill (the excellence of) its reflection. The land of Kumbhasthala⁷ fled to the forest (before it), and the land of Mahusthala⁸ lost its inhabitants.

In the whole universe, in the world are seven lands, but none of them is excellent beside the land of Sīphala.

चौ॥ गंधपसेन सुगंध नरेन्द्र । सो राजा बह ना कर देख ॥
 लंका सुना जो रावन-राजू । ते-झ चाहि बह ना कर साजू ॥
 हयन कोटि कटक दर साजा । सबर हतरपति अरु गड-राजा ॥
 सोरह सहस घोर घोरसारा सौव-करन अउ बाँक तुसारा ॥
 सात सहस हखौ सिंघखौ अम्र कविहास इरापति बखौ ॥

1 Ceylon. The word *dvīpa* means both island and continent.

2 A Padminī is one of the four classes of woman and is supremely the best, see 504 and ff. The Singalese women are all supposed to be Padminis, *omne ignotum pro mirifico*.

3 Here there is a pun on the word (*dīpa* = *dvīpa*), a continent or island, and *dīpaka* a light.

4 The poet now proceeds to compare Sīphala, not with the seven continents of tradition, referred to in line 4, and catalogued in the note to stanza I, 5, but with half-a-dozen imaginary continents named after parts of the human body. *Diyā-dīpa*, the land of lights, means the land of eyes. *Sarana-dīpa* (*śravaṇa-dīpa*) means the land of ears. *Jambū-dīpa*, Rose-apple-land, is the land of bosoms, to the nipples of which the rose-apple is often compared. *Laṅka-dīpa*, is the land of hips. *Kumbha-sthala*, jar-land, is the land of rounded breasts; a. v. l. is *garbha-sthala* (*garbha-sthala*) the land of wombs; and finally *mahu-sthala* (*madhya-sthala*), is the land of waists. Under this highly figurative language the poet signifies that the women of Sīphala surpassed all these imaginary lands, each in its own peculiar excellence. I am indebted to Paṇḍit Sudhākara Divyēdī for the explanation of this very difficult stanza.

5 The poet does not seem to be aware that *Sarana-dīpa* (*Saran-dīp*, Serendib) is actually Ceylon itself. Here, as pointed out above, the words also mean 'ear-land.'

6 Hindustān or bosom-land.

7 Or perhaps Gabhastala, one of the nine divisions of Bhārata-varṣa (India); here used as equivalent to *garbha-sthala*, the land of wombs.

8 Or Mēwasthila.

चक्षु-पती क सिरमउर कक्षवर । गज-पती क चाँकुस गज नावर ॥

नर-पती क कक्षउँ चउ गरिँडू । भू-पती क जंग दीवर इँडू ॥

दी ॥ चरस चक्षवर राजा चङ्ग खंड भय दीर ।

सवर चार सिर नावहीँ सरिवर करद न कीर ॥ ११ ॥

26. 1. Is K *sēni*. U *Gandharpa saīna sukha khañḍi*, Ia *dhana rājā*. Is *rājā au tā*.
 2. U *ṛājā ... sājā*. U *tāhu cāhi baḍi*, K *tāhi*. 3. Ibc U K *dala*. K *cārau disā kaṭaka*
Aru gaḍha is very doubtful. *Uragahī* is a possible reading of the Persian character.
 The following are the readings of the various MS. Inb اور كنه Ic كنه Id درور
 (ك) Is *ōrāgē rājā*, U *ghara ghara rājā*, K o *ragana rājā*. All printed editions have
au gaḍha-rājā. 4. U *sōrāhi sahāsa*, Id *sahāsa*, K *sōraha laccha*. Ib *sāwa karana bāḱā*
tu°, Ic *jasā bāḱa*, Id *syāma karana bāḱā tumhārā*, Is *sāwa karana cālūka tōrākhāra* (sic),
 U *bara ganē tu°*, K *syāma karana turañḱi jō* (sic) *tokhārā*. The text has no difficulty
 if the technical meaning of *cyāma-karṇa* is remembered, and if it is recognized that
tukhāra means 'horse.' 5. Id *aru kailāsa*, Is *imi kapilā airāpati*, U *jann ka bilāsa*
airāpati, K *sukā bandhi rautapai* (sic) *ati bāli*. 6. Ia *sohāwai*, Is *āsa-pati*, U *asu-pati*
kā, *gaja-pati kā*, K *asu-patīnha*, K *gaja-pati sira aykusa gaja nāwai*. 7. Ia *nara-pati*
kahaū jo āhi narindā, Ib *nara-pati ku au kahaū*, Is U *nara-pati ka kahāwa*, K *nara-pati*
mahā kahālāwai indā, Ia *bhū-pati ka mahā*, Is *bhūa-pati* K *bhūa-pati jaga para*
dōsara ēndā. 8. Ias U *bhai hōi*, K *mō hōi*. 9. K *sabhai*.

26. Gandharva Sēna was a fragrant¹ prince, He was its king, and that was his dominion. I have heard of Lanḱā,² the kingdom of Rāvaṇa; greater even than his was his majesty. Fifty-six times ten millions formed his battle-array, and over all were princes and commanders of forts. Sixteen thousand horses were in his stalls, black-eared and gallant steeds.³ Seven thousand Singalese elephants had he, each like the mighty Airāvata⁴ of Kailāsa.⁵ He is called the crown of lords of steeds, and with his goad he causeth to bow low the elephants of lords of elephants. Over lords of men I call him a second Indra, and in the world I also call him the Indra⁶ of the lords of earth.

¹ There is here an alliteration between *Gandhrapa*, Gandharva, and *Gandha*, scent. Some of the MSS. have *Sēni* for *Sēna* throughout the poem. This would lead me to restore the word to the Sanskrit *Sainya*, were there not a strong tradition in favour of *Sēna*.

² Lanḱā is, however, a name of Ceylon. The poet neglects this fact.

³ *Cyāma-karṇa*, black-eared, is a technical name for a horse. It is the kind used in sacrifices. *Tukhāra* means 'horse,' cf. xlv, 4; and dli, 4.

⁴ The name of Indra's elephant.

⁵ Indra's heaven.

⁶ Here Indra is referred to in two aspects. First he is the mighty king of the lower Gods, and hence supreme over lords of men; and secondly he is the storm-god giving refreshing showers to the earth, and hence an object of worship to everyone who lives by cultivation.

So universal¹ a monarch was he, that all the earth feared him. All men came and bowed their heads before him, no one dared to emulate him.

चौ ॥ जबहि दीप निचरावा जाई । जनु कविसास निचर भा जाई ॥
 वन चंवराउं लाग चड पासा । उठर पुठमि उति लाग अकासा ॥
 तरिवर सवर मसर-गिरि सारि । भर जग हाँह ररनि सोर सारि ॥
 मसर-समीर सोहारी हाँहाँ । जेठ जाठ लागत तेहि माँहाँ ॥
 सोही हाँह ररनि सोर आवर । हरिवर सवर अकास हँसावर ॥
 पंथिक जउं पडँसर सहि वावू । दुख बिसरद दुख सोर बिसरावू ॥
 जेठ बह पारि हाँह अनूपा । बडरि न आवर सहहिँ यह भूपा ॥

दी ॥ अस चंवराउं सघन वन बरनि न पारउं थंत ।

पूसर फरद बह-उ रिनु जानउं सदा वसंत ॥ १७ ॥

27. 1. *Ib jōhu* (P) (جھو), *niarāvē*, *Icd jō vahī dīpa*, *K jō vahī dīpa kē niarē jū*. *Ia bhau āi*, *Iabds U kabilāsa*, *K kailāsa tinha nīarē pāi*. 2. *U K ghani ābarāi*, *U uṭhī bhāmi*, *K uṭhī bhāmi*, *Is lāga*. 3. *U tarivara hīcē sabai suhāo*, *K taruārī sabhai mīlē ohi jāi*, *Ib bhāi tasi chāha*, *Ic sītala chāha*, *U rainī kai āē*, *K hō jagu chāha ruini bhāi āi*. 4. *Ia sohāwana*. 5. *U abu jamu chāha*, *K au asi chāha rainī bhā*. 6. *Ia jāu sahi āvai ghāmē*, *U panthika calī āvai sahi*. *K panthiku puhācāi sahi kai ghāmē* *Ibsk*, *ghāmē*, *bisrāmē*, *U bisarai bhāi sukha bisrāmē*, *K bisarai chana kai bisrāmē*. 7. *Is K jinha waha*, *U jō pāvai waha chāha* *Ia sō dhūpā*, *Ic dukha dhūpā*, *Id tehi dhūpā*. 8. *U asi ābarāi suhāvani*, *K asi ābarāi saghani ghani*, *Id pārai*, *Is parahi*. 9. *Ic cahu dīsa*, *K phūlahī pharahī chahu*, *U mānahu*.

27. When a man approacheth this land, 'tis as it were he approacheth Kailāsa the mount of heaven. Dense mango-groves lie on every side, rising from the earth to the very sky. Each tall tree exhaleteth the odours of mount Malaya,² and the shade covereth the world as though it were the night. The shade is pleasant with its Malaya-breeze; e'en in the fiery month of Jyaisṭha³ 'tis cool amidst it. It is as though night cometh from that shade, and as though from it cometh the greenness of the sky.⁴ When the wayfarer cometh thither, suffering from the heat, he forgetteth his trouble in his blissful rest, and whoso hath found this perfect shade, returneth ne'er again to bear the sun-rays.

So many and so dense are these groves, that I cannot tell their end. The whole six seasons of the year⁵ do they flower and fruit, as though it were always spring.

¹ *Cakkawai* = *Cakravartī*.

² The Western Ghats (*ghāṭs*) famous for their growth of sandal trees.

³ The hottest month in the year, May-June, with its pitiless burning blue-grey sky.

⁴ This is an example of the rhetorical figure *utprēksā*, or poetical fancy, with the word expressing comparison omitted. The poet fancifully states that this shade is so dark, that from it is produced all night, while the green shade of the sky is its reflection.

⁵ Hindūs divide the year into six seasons of two months each.

ANALYSIS

OF THE

‘ PADUMĀWATI

CANTO I.

THE INVOCATION.

Praise of God, the Creator of the universe (1), and of all that is therein, (2); the maker of men and of all that man hath, (3); of pairs of opposites (4). His bounty (5), and might (6). He is an everlasting mystery, neither made nor created nor begotten (7). He is omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, neither discrete nor indiscrete (8). He hath endowed man with many blessings, of which he cannot gauge the length or breadth or height (9). His wondrous works are indescribable (10). He made one man for the salvation of the world, the prophet Muḥammad (11), who had four friends, Abū Bakr Ḥiddīq, ‘Umar, ‘Uṣmān, and ‘Alī (12). Shēr Shāh Sūr is Sultan of Delhi. His might (13), valour (14), justice (15), comeliness (16), and generosity (17). Praise of Saiyad Ashraf Jahāngīr, the poet’s spiritual ancestor (18), and his two descendants Shekh Ḥājī, and Shekh Mubārak (19). Praise of Muḥīn’d-dīn, the poet’s spiritual preceptor and his spiritual descent from Saiyad Ashraf Jahāngīr (20). The poet’s description of himself as blind of one eye. He is grateful to God for all his mercies (21). He had four friends, Malik Yūsuf, Salār Khādim, Miyā Salōnē, and Shēkh Baḍē (22). Filled with poetic inspiration he came to Jāyas, and studied rhetoric under paṇḍits (23); and in the year 1540 A. D., began to write the poem of Ceylon, of Padmāvatī, of Ratna Sēna, of ‘Alāu’d-dīn, of Rāghava Caitanya, and the siege of Citaur (24).

CANTO II.

DESCRIPTION OF SIMHALA-DVĪPA.

I describe Simhala, best of all the seven *dvīpas* (25). Gandharva Sēna was its king. No king ever was so mighty (26). The *dvīpa* is covered with cool orchards, throwing inviting shade (27). Its fruit-

trees (28). The singing of the birds (29). Its wells and springs, surrounded by holy men of various sects (30). Its tanks (31), the maidens who draw water therefrom (32), the birds that resort thereto (33). The fruit gardens (34), and flower gardens (35). The chief city, Sindhala (36). Its streets and markets (37), its courtesan quarter (38), the bazārs (39). The citadel, its height (40), its strength (41), its guards and the regularity with which they are changed (42). Its two rivers Nira and Kāira, and the spring of Mōti Cūra. Its golden tree with magic fruit which gives new youth (43). The four captains of the citadel and their quarters (44). The doorway of the royal palace, with the elophaunts there (45), the royal stables and horses (46), the royal court (47). The palace buildings (48), the female apartments. The Chief Queen was Rānī Campāvati (49).¹ She becomes pregnant (50), and a girl is born (51). The naming-ceremony of the 6th night after birth. The Paṇḍits declare her name to be Padmāvatī (52). The astrologers bless her and go home. She grows up of perfect beauty and at the same time learned. Kings of all countries demand her in marriage but are refused (53). She becomes twelve years of age, and the king hearing that she is fit for marriage, builds her a magnificent palace, and gives her damsels to bear her company. She obtains a very learned parrot named Hirāmaṇi, and studies the *śāstras* and *vēdas* with him. Brahmā himself nodded his head as he heard the parrot's explanations (54). Padmāvatī becomes *apta viro*. Her charms (55). The King, hearing that the parrot gives wisdom to Padmāvatī, becomes enraged, and orders it to be killed, that it may not eclipse its pupil. The barber and torch bearer run to kill it, but the Princess hides it, and sends a respectful remonstrance to the king, 'the parrot is only a bird. It loves food and flying, and speaks by rote' (56). The parrot thanks the princess, and says there is no escape from an angry master (57). The Princess replies, 'I cannot bear to lose thee, my darling parrot' (58).

CANTO III.

THE BATHING.

On a certain festival Padmāvatī and her damsels go to bathe in a lake. Description of the various damsels (59). They play on the bank of the lake, and call upon the princess to be happy while she may (60). They disrobe (61). They bathe (62). They sport (62a).² A damsel loses her necklace in the water. They all dive for it (63). The

¹ In some copies a new canto commences here.

² Rām Jasan gives two stanzas the same number, 62.

lake, at the contact of their beauty, becomes clear and the necklace is found (64).

CANTO IV.

THE ADVENTURES OF THE PARROT.

While Padmāvatī was thus sporting, a maidservant went into her palace to steal her flowers and betel to give to a lover. The parrot remonstrates (64*a*).¹ The maid in a rage twists the parrot's neck, plucks him, and shuts him up in an earthen pot (64*b*). The parrot's reflections and self-reproaches. He considers what is best to be done (64*c*). The maid takes the vessel and throws it and the parrot down a well in the forest. The parrot as he is thrown calls upon God (64*d*). He has hardly finished his prayer when he sees a fig tree hanging over the well. He climbs into it, finds it full of fruit and thanks God. His feathers grow again (64*e*).² He flies away, and happens on a part of the forest where the birds treat him with great respect. He praises God (65).

When Padmāvatī returns, the major-domo tells her that a cat had come into the house, and that the parrot had flown away from the cage. Her grief. She orders search to be made (66). Her maidens assure her that the search is hopeless (67).

When the parrot has rested a few days in the forest, his fellow birds see a hunter, hidden under a screen of leaves, approaching. Smitten with terror at the apparently moving tree they fly away, but the parrot who is absorbed in contemplation, is struck by the bird catcher's five-pronged rod, and caught by the bird-lime attached to it (68). The hunter breaks his wings and thrusts him into a cage with other birds, they ask him how a wisacre like him has been caught (69). The parrot explains that it was his own fault. He had become happy and careless, and pride goes before a fall (70). The birds comfort him. They agree that the hunter should not be blamed for catching them, but their own stupidity and greed (71).

CANTO V.

CITAU.

Citrā Sēna is king of Citaur. His son is Ratna Sēna. Astrologers promise great things for him. He will go to Sīṃhala-dvīpa and

¹ From 64(*a*) to 64(*e*) is an interpolation, found only in some copies of very small authority. The style is different from that of the rest of the poem.

² The ordinary editions insert a line here making the parrot escape from his cage in Padmāvatī's house.

bring back a lovely treasure (72). Some merchants of Cītaur start for Siphala-dvīpa to purchase goods. One of them is a poor Brāhman, who starts with borrowed capital. Prices of things in Siphala-dvīpa are so high, that he cannot afford to buy anything (73). The others return home with their purchase, and he is left lamenting (74). The hunter brings the parrot for sale in the market. The Brāhman sees it, and asks it if it is learned (75). The parrot replies that when he was free he was learned, but he has lost his knowledge, otherwise how could he be in a cage and hawked in a bazār (76). The hunter and the Brāhman converse. The latter purchases the parrot, and overtakes his companions on the way to Citaur (77). In the meantime Ratna Sēna has succeeded his father Citra Sēna on the throne, news is brought to him of the arrival of merchants from Siphala-dvīpa, and amongst them a Brāhman with a wonderful parrot (78). The Brāhman is sent for, brings the parrot, saying he had not intended to sell it, but his belly must be filled and he is poor (79). The parrot introduces himself to the king and praises his own qualifications. Says his name is Hirānapi, and that he lived formerly with Padmāvatī (80). The king purchases the parrot for a lākh of rupees, and is pleased with its wisdom. He becomes fond of it, and learns much from it (81).

CANTO VI.

THE PARROT AND THE KING.

One day the King goes out hunting, and his chief-queen, Nāgamatī, adorns herself, and, being filled with vanity at her reflection in a mirror, asks the parrot if any one in the world is so beautiful as she (82). The parrot remembering the beauty of Padmāvatī, looks in the Queen's face and laughs. He says all the women of Siphala are more beautiful. She becomes angry (83), and considers that if the parrot is allowed to remain in the palace, the king will hear of their beauty, and will fall in love with them and turn a Yōgī. She calls a maidservant, says parrots are treacherous things, and orders it to be killed (84). The maidservant goes to do so, but pauses to consider that the king is fond of the learned bird, and will be sure to ask for it (85), so she only hides it. When the king returns from his hunt he does ask for it. The Queen says a cat has carried it away. 'It was an impudent bird. I asked about the women of Siphala, and it called me a Nāginī (snake), and said I was not as beautiful as they. The parrot was pretty but unbearable like a too heavy golden ear-ring' (86). The king is angry, and maintains that the parrot was learned and wise (87). The Queen is afflicted at the king's anger. She goes to the maidservant and laments

(88). The maidservant says the Queen has brought it on herself by being angry. Anger is a bad thing (89). When the Queen is utterly downcast, she returns the parrot to the king, saying to the king that she only wished to test him. She consoles him (90). The king adjures the parrot to tell the truth about his history (91). The parrot says, I am Hirāmaṇi, the parrot of Padmāvatī, Princess of Ceylon, a lady of peerless beauty (92). The king's curiosity is excited. He asks for further particulars about Padmāvatī, and says he would like to go to Siphala (93). Parrot describes the charms of Siphala and its women. Its king Gandharva Sēna and his lovely daughter Padmāvatī (94). The king asks the parrot to say all this over again. It complies, and the king becomes enamoured of Padmāvatī from the parrot's description (95). The parrot warns the king, that the way of love is hard, and may cost him his life. 'Learn wisdom from the cry of the peacock, "I die, I die," *mueṇ, mueṇ*, for he hath given himself up to love.' So also other animals are shown as a warning:—the lizard, the ringdove, and the partridge (96). The King replies that he knows that the path of love is hard at the beginning, but he will dare all for the sake of Padmāvatī. He asks the parrot for a complete account of every feature of his beloved, in the form of a *nakh'sikh* (97).

CANTO VII.

A TALE OF BEAUTY (THE NAKH'SIKH).

The parrot describes Padmāvatī's hair (98), and its parting (99), her forehead (100), eyebrows (101), eyes (102), eyelashes (103), nose (104), lips (105), teeth (106), voice (107), cheeks (108), ears (109), neck (110), arms (111), bosom (112), belly (113), back (114), waist (115), navel (116) and thighs (117).

CANTO VIII.

THE KING'S PASSION.

The King is thrown into a fever by this description of Padmāvatī's beauty, and lies senseless (118). His relations and friends come with doctors. They diagnose the disease as the same as that from which Lakṣmaṇa suffered when struck by Rāvaṇa's arrow, but the magic root which alone cures the disease is not available. They recommend that it should be searched for regardless of cost (119). The King revives, but only raves unintelligently, or cries like a newborn child. He complains that he has been brought back from the city of immortality to that of mortality. He asks to die (120). They remonstrate, and say it

is useless to fight with fate. 'Thy love is unattainable, therefore do not yearn for it' (121). The parrot gives similar advice. 'Thou canst not conquer Sīṃhala by force of arms. The way is difficult, and can only be traversed by Ascetics, Sannyāsīs, Yōgīs and the like. Thou could'st not bear the discomforts of such a life. An ascetic who doth not practise austerities hath no success (122). No success can be gained without austerities, and thy body is besieged by the thieves of thy passions; awake, fool, ere they steal all that thou hast' (123). The king, aroused by these remonstrances, discovers that he is involved in the darkness of ignorance, and that without a (spiritual) guide he cannot find his way to Padmāvatī (*i.e.* wisdom) (124). His Hindū friends remonstrate, but he refuses to hear them; without a guide (or *guru*), he can do nothing (125). He gives up his kingdom, becomes a Yōgī, and puts on the ascetic dress (126). The astrologers say it is not a lucky day for starting. He retorts that in love-matters, no one considers lucky times or hours. They are for people who are in possession of their senses. 'Doth a *satī* ask if it is a lucky day when she mounteth the funeral pyre? I must start on my quest. Do ye all return to yqur homes' (127). The captains of his army call upon all to accompany him to Sīṃhala, after providing themselves with necessaries (128).

CANTO IX.

THE FAREWELL.

The King's mother implores the king to stay (129). He asks her not to tempt him from the right way. 'Earthly joys are fleeting. My *guru* hath ordered me to journey to Sīṃhala. Farewell' (130). Nāgamatī weeps. 'Let me go with thee, as Sitā did with Rāma. Thou wilt find no Padminī as beautiful as I am' (131). He replies, 'When Sitā accompanied Rāma, Rāvaṇa carried her off. I cannot take thee and be a Yōgī. See how Rāja Bhartṛihari left sixteen hundred wives, when he took to a life of mortification,' saying this he starts on his journey (132). His mother weeps. So also his Queens. They break their ornaments. Nine maunds of pearls and ten maunds of crystal bracelets are destroyed. At first there was a great confused sound, and then all was silence (133).

CANTO X.

THE LAND JOURNEY.

The king departs from the city, the people hear of it. Sixteen thousand knights accompany him. They all become Yōgīs, and take

the salmon-coloured vestments (134). The good omens at departure. Girls with full waterpots; Goākins crying 'buy my tyre'; flower-girls with garlands; *khañjan* birds seated on snakes' heads; deer to the right, and door-keepers to the left; dark-coloured bullocks lowing on the right, and jackals motionless on the left; white quails in the sky to the left, and foxes coming out and showing themselves; crows on the left, and owls on the right. Vyāsa has promised success to him who sets out with omens such as these (135). He sets out and says, 'Let to-day be a short stage. To-morrow we must take the long journey (i.e., to-day we live, to-morrow we die). There are mountains and rivers to be crossed, with robbers lurking in the bye-ways. He who goeth steadily forward at ten *kōs* a day will arrive safely (136). Go carefully along the road, picking your way, with sandals on your feet. The road is rough and thorny. On the right lies Bidar¹ (Vidarbha) and on the left Candēri, one road goes to Simhala-dvipa and another to Laṅkā (*sic*)' (137). Then says the parrot, 'Let him be guide who knoweth the way. Can the blind lead the blind?' So they asked the way of Vijaya-giri, King of Vijaya-nagara. He says, 'Behind are Kunda and Gōlā (Golconda (?)). Leave on the left (?) Ādhiāra Khaṭōla. To the south on the right lieth Tilinga, and directly to the north is the Karahakaṭaṅgā (? Karnāṭak).² Midway is the main gate of Ratnapura (Kāncī), and to the left is the hill of Jhārakhaṇḍa (Baij'nāth). To the left front is Orissa, and cross ye the sea to the south' (138). They wander through the forest, and sleep on the ground, the King alone waking through the night, playing on his five-stringed lute, and with his eyes fixed on the road to Padmāvatī (139). After a month's journey they come to the sea-shore. King Gajapati approaches and asks who they are. Ratna Sēna asks for boats (140). Gajapati agrees, but warns him of the danger of the passage. 'There are seven seas to cross, viz,—the Kṣāra,³ the Kṣīra, the Dadhi, the Udadhi, the Sūrū-jala, the Kilakilākūta (and the Mānasara). There is no one capable of crossing all' (141). The King replies, 'To one in love what is death? I am compelled to follow my path. I am a disciple of Ranga Nātha (? Kṛiṣṇa, Āri-ranga),

¹ The poet's strong point is certainly not Geography.

² All this is simply a tentative paraphrase. The readings have not been established yet. Paṇḍit Sudhākara Dvivedi suggests that the correct reading may be *hoi kara ekaṭaṅgā*, the fabulous land of one-legged men.

³ The enumeration of the Viṣṇu Purāṇa is Lavaṇa, Ikṣu, Surū, Ghṛita, Dadhi, Dagdha, Jala. *Kīlakita* is the boiling sound of rushing water. *Kūta* is a *hē/h* word meaning 'uncertainty, guess.' *Akūta* means 'without uncertainty,' hence 'extreme.' *Kīlakilākūta* is the extremely turbulent sea roaring with the boiling caused by subaqueous fire (*baḍavāṇi*). The seventh or Mānasara sea is not mentioned till stanza 161. This last name is in direct contradiction to the Purāṇas. Note ² to stanza 2 above should be corrected according to the above list.

I must go where he leadeth me (142). The sea of love is deeper than any of the seven seas. I am not afraid of them (143). I welcome dangers. I have given away all that I have, perhaps God will pass me over in return' (144). Praise of charity (*diyā*, with puns on *diyā*, a thing given, *diyā* a light, and *diyā* a continent) (145).

CANTO XI.

THE SHIP.

Gajapati seeing his warnings ineffectual gives fully equipped ships (146). They bring the ships to the shore. A minnow, the size of a mountain, appears. The knights express their devotion to the king (147). The boatmen laugh. 'Sea-fish are bigger than fresh-water ones. This is only a minnow. Wait till you see a salmon, which can swallow a thousand of these at one gulp. Then there is a bird, which can carry off a salmon in its beak' (148). They catch the minnow on a fish-line, with an elephant for bait. They pull it in, with difficulty, and it dies (149). Description of the vast size of the minnow. It is cut up and eaten. The knights again express their devotion, at the same time pointing out the dangers of the sea (150). He expresses his determination to go on in spite of dangers, till he finds Padmāvatī (151).

CANTO XII.

THE SEVEN OCEANS.

They embark, set sail and are tossed about. Faith in a spiritual preceptor leads one across all oceans. They cross the Kṣāra, (salt) sea (152). Description of the Kṣāra (milk) sea (153), of the Dadhi (tyre) sea (154), of the Udadhi (hot) sea (155), of the Surā (wine) sea (156), of the Kilakilākūta (boiling) sea. Its flames and whirlpool (157). Hīrāmaṇī, the parrot, explains that this is the most dangerous. It can only be crossed by the elect, and on a path like a sword edge,¹ too narrow even for an ant. He who falls goes to hell. He who crosses safely gets heaven (158). The king gives the betel leaf (token of acceptance of a dangerous task by the recipient) to his followers and encourages them. He is determined to go on (159). The various ships of the fleet. How they fared. First goes the king's ship, and he is led by the parrot. They all pass the Kilakilākūta sea (160). They come to the seventh sea, the Mānasara. Description of this sea. Its delights (161).

¹ An adaptation of the well-known Muḥammadan legend.

CANTO XIII.

THE ARRIVAL AT SĪMHALA-DVĪPA.

The king notices that the air is balmy (162). Hirāmaṇi congratulates him, and points out the chief town of Sīṃhala-dvīpa (163). He points out the fort, and describes it, and its inaccessibility (164). 'Within it dwelleth Padmāvatī. If thou desire to see her, follow my advice. On that glittering mountain is the temple of Mahādēva. In the latter fortnight of Māgha,¹ occurs the festival of the Ṛi-Pañcamī (now called Vasanta Pañcamī). The doors of the temple are opened on that occasion and all the people go there to worship. Padmāvatī will come to worship on that day, and then thou canst meet her. Do thou go and wait at the temple, and I will go to Padmāvatī and ask her to come' (165). The king says he will climb to heaven if necessary, let alone a mountain. The higher he goes the better. Description of the advantages of elevated aims (166), and of the disadvantages of low aims (167). Hirāmaṇi starts for Padmāvatī's palace, and the king for the mountain. The latter finds a golden temple there, with four doors, and, inside, four pillars. It is a popular place of pilgrimage, for the wishes of pilgrims are granted by it (168).

CANTO XIV.

THE GARDEN, THE GROVE, AND THE TEMPLE.

The king, escorted by 30,000 Yōgīs, circumambulates the temple, and prays for a sight of Padmāvatī (169). A mysterious voice issues from the temple, in answer to his prayers. 'Love conquereth all. He who serveth a God with all his heart and soul, when the God is pleased, obtaineth the fruit of his service.' On hearing this the king seats himself at the eastern door as a Yōgī (170). There, seated on his tiger-skin, he does austerities, ever muttering the name 'Padmāvatī, Padmāvatī.' The eyes of his ecstatic sight are ever fixed on her vision. His very clothes are burned with the heat of his fever (171).

Padmāvatī at this time, by a coincidence, falls into the toils of love. She passes restless nights, and burns with fever (172). Her condition further described. Her nurse asks her what is the matter with her (173). She describes her fevered state (174). The nurse warns her of the dangers of love (175). Padmāvatī replies,—'The pangs of separation from a beloved one are intolerable' (176). Padmāvatī not being comforted, the nurse consoles her, and recommends

¹ Note that the month is Pūrṇimānta. The Ṛi Pañcamī is the 5th of the light half of Māgha.

virtue, (love, of course, means search for wisdom in the allegory), and patience. 'Just as one who restraineth his breath is a Yōgi, so she who restraineth her passions is a *satī*, a virtuous woman. The spring festival of Ātri-Pañcamī approacheth. Worship God on that day' (177). Till the day of the festival is reached, Padmāvatī becomes more and more fevered (178). While she is in this condition, Hīramāṇi arrives. She embraces him and weeps. Her companions sympathize (179).

CANTO XV.

THE MEETING OF PADMAVĀTĪ AND THE PARROT.

Padmāvatī asks after the parrot's health, and why it had abandoned its cage. The Parrot replies, and tells the story of its escape. 'The hunter sold me to a Brāhman who took me to Jambu-dvīpa. There he took me to Citra Sōna, king of Citaur, who was succeeded by his son (180), named Ratna Sōna. He is all-perfect, I considered him a fit mate for thee, and praised thee to him (181). Fired by my description, he hath been filled with love for thee. He is become a Yōgi and come to Sīphala with 16,000 knights as his disciples, beside other innumerable friends and companions, who make a crowd like a fair at the temple of Mahādēva. There he is watching for thee. Thou art the lotus and he is the bee' (182). Padmāvatī pleased at the account. She becomes filled with pride. 'Who hath dared to put his hand in the lion's mouth? Who will dare to tell my father? Who in the world is fit to be my husband?' (183). The parrot insists that Ratna is a golden jewel, and is worthy of her, and describes his pitiful condition (184). Padmāvatī affected by the description. 'Let me go and see him burning thus. Yet gold improves by burning. I am to blame for this burning. I will visit him. The festival of spring approacheth. I will go to the temple on pretence of worshipping' (185). She rewards the parrot, who prepares to fly away. She taxes him with faithlessness. He says he must return and give the news to Ratna, who is anxiously awaiting him (186). He comes to Ratna, and tells him the news. 'I have met the Guru Gōrākṣanātha,¹ and he (she) sent a gracious message. The Guru is like the black bee,² and the disciple like the fly. That fly alone meeteth the bee, which is ready to give up its life for one meeting.

¹ Here Padmāvatī (wisdom) is shown as the supreme preceptor of all Yōgis, Gōrākṣanātha.

² The Bhṛīṅga, or potter-bee, devours insects and they are born again as Bhṛīṅgas. It is now-a-days called the *kumharīgā*, *bīṭāṇī*, or *bisundharī*.

The Guru hath shown great kindness to thee, and hath given thee knowledge in a new incarnation. Thou wilt live by thy death, and the Bhramara-bee will find the lotus, and drink its nectar. The spring time cometh, and then the bee findeth the nectar. The Yōgi who fully beareth austerities obtaineth final success.' (187).

CANTO XVI.

THE SPRING FESTIVAL.

The festival of the Çri-Pañcamī comes on. Padmāvati summons her companions to attend her to the temple of Mahādēva (188). They assemble with music, and in gay drosses. All princesses, and of perfect beauty. It is spring time, and they are like spring themselves (189). She starts. Her retinue of various castes (190). Continuation of names of castes (191). They rejoice amongst themselves (192). The fruit they take with them (193). The flowers (194). The musical instruments. They dance as they go (195). They arrive at the temple. The Gods, seeing them, are astonished, and say they must be nymphs escaped from heaven. Other Gods give other similar explanations (196). Padmāvati enters the temple. She makes her offering of flowers and fruit, and prays. 'All my companions are married. I alone am a maiden. Give me a husband' (197). Mahādēva being struck senseless by her beauty¹ gives no answer. A mysterious voice tells her this. Padmāvati complains that it is no use praying to Gods like him (198). Just then a companion comes and tells her that she has seen at the eastern door of the temple a remarkable Yōgi, who looks like a prince (199). She goes to see him. Their eyes meet. He falls senseless with love (200). Padmāvati sprinkles sandal on him to revive him. He does not wake. So, with the sandal, she writes on his chest over his heart, 'Thou hast not learned the art of asking alms. When the damsel came thou didst fall asleep. How canst thou get thy living? If the sun (*i.e.*, thou) be enamoured of the moon (*i.e.*, me), it climbeth to the seventh heaven (*i.e.*, the seventh story of the castle).' She departs with her companions (201). They leave the hill. Lamentations of the Gods at their departure. They are all dead (202). Padmāvati enters the palace, sleeps, and dreams a wonderful dream. She asks her friends to interpret it (203). They interpret it as meaning her marriage (204).

¹ Padmāvati's 'fatal beauty' has this effect on every one who sees her for the first time. So Ratna (200), Rūghava (489), and 'Alān'd-dīn (609).

CANTO XVII.

THE AUSTERITIES OF RATNA SĒNA.

Ratna Sēna awakes from his faint. His desolation at finding Padmāvatī gone (205). The very sandal on his chest burns him (206). His lamentations (207). He complains of Mahādēva not answering his prayers. Mahādēva is a mere stone. There is no good in watering a rock (208). Mahādēva explains that he himself was struck senseless at Padmāvatī's beauty, and could not help (209). Ratna admits the justice of the excuse. He gives up, and prepares for death (210). He arranges to burn himself to death on a pyre lit by the fire (of separation) which consumes him. The Gods fear that the intense heat will consume the universe (211). Hanumān, who was the guardian of the mountain, goes and warns Pārvatī and Mahēṣa.¹ 'I, who burned up Laṅkā, am about to be burned by this Yōgī' (212).

CANTO XVIII.

PĀRVATĪ AND MAHĒṢA.

Mahēṣa, Pārvatī, and Hanumān haste to the temple. They remonstrate with Ratna on the dangers of a general conflagration (213). Ratna accuses Mahēṣa of wantonly causing his death, and tells of his hopeless love for Padmāvatī. As he says this, the fire of his woe blazes up still more furiously, and, had not Mahēṣa extinguished it with nectar, the whole world would have been burnt (214). Pārvatī determines to test his passion if it is real or not. She takes the form of a celestial nymph, and tempts him (215). He withstands the temptation (216). Pārvatī recognizes the love as genuine, and recommends Mahādēva to grant him his desire (217). The king recognizes them as Gods (or perfected ones) (*siddha*), for flies do not settle on their body, they do not wink, they throw no shadow, and suffer neither from hunger nor from illusion. Judging from his appearance, this must be Mahēṣa. Without a Guru no one finds the path, and without Gorakṣanātha, no Yōgī obtains perfection (*siddhi*) (218). He falls at Mahēṣa's feet, and weeps floods of tears (219). The universe is flooded: Mahēṣa consoles him. Advises him,—'Until the burglar breaks into the house, he gets no booty. The fort of Sindhala has seven stories, no one returns alive who once sets foot upon it' (220). Description of the fort, being at the same time a metaphorical description of the human body. At the foot of the fort is a tank with subterranean gallery. Thou must dive into the tank and enter by this, as a thief enters a house by a mine (221).

¹ The poet identifies Mahēṣa and Mahādēva as the same person.

The tenth or inmost door (*i.e.*, internal perception)¹ is only to be approached by mystical suppression of breath,² and by suppression of self. He who dooth this, understandeth that the 'Ego' is all in all, and alone existeth. He is himself both teacher and pupil, life and death, body and soul (222).

CANTO XIX.

. THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE CASTLE.

Ratna having thus received instruction in perfection (*siddhi*) from Mahēṣa, offers thanks to Gaṇṇṇa, and, under Mahēṣa's advice, the Yōgis surround the castle. As a thief first examines a house before attacking it, so intend they to dig a mine. The gates are closed, and the King is informed that an army of Yōgis is surrounding the fort. He sends messengers to find out the truth (223). The messengers come to Ratna and ask if they are Yōgis or merchants. Directs them to go to a distance from the fort. The King will be angry. 'If ye be merchants, do your traffic and depart. If ye be Yogis, finish your begging and go' (224). Ratna replies. 'I am come to beg, and will take what the King giveth. Padmāvatī is the daughter of the king, I have become Yōgī for her, and am come here to beg for her' (225). The messenger is angry. Threatens Ratna. 'If the king hear he will let elephants loose on thee, will fire thunderbolts at thee. Thou art demanding a thing thou canst not even see. Art thou mad?' (226.) Ratna replies,—'I am a Yōgī, and can but do what becometh my profession. Thy power is in the elephants of Siṃhala, and mine in the elephant of my Gurn. He can destroy thine elephants, and turn mountains into dust' (227). The messenger returns and reports Ratna's words to the king. The latter is enraged, and orders the Yōgis to be killed. The prime minister remonstrates. 'If thou kill them, they are but beggars; and if thou art defeated, thou wilt be disgraced. Let them remain below the fort. How many Yōgis have come and gone. Leave them alone, and they will have to go away for want of food' (228). Ratna wonders why the messenger does not return. He writes a letter to Padmāvatī, and sends it to her by the parrot (229), with a verbal message, recalling their former meeting (230), and describing his woes (231). He ties the letter with a golden thread to the parrot's neck. The latter carries it to Padmāvatī. Her lamentable condition (232). She addresses the parrot, and laments her separation. The parrot

¹ In the previous stanza, the nine openings of the body are described as doors, and the tenth door is internal perception.

² One of the exercises of Yōgī austerities.

replies,—‘The Yōgī whom thou sawest at the temple of Mahādēva is distraught for thee.* He doth nought but murmur thy name’ (233). His sufferings. ‘His life-blood is reddening the whole world.’ Her cruelty in not returning the love (234). ‘When thou didst sport at the spring festival, thou didst mix the vermilion of thy forehead with his blood. He wept, and would have burnt himself upon a pyre had not Mahēṣa and Parvātī intervened. They extinguished the fire and showed him the road,—the road that leadeth to death. The path of love is difficult. If a man climb it, heaven is at the top; if he fall on the way, he falleth into hell. His desire is now but to see thee, whether he receive consolation from thee or die hopeless. He hath sent a letter to thee. Now give the order whether he is to live or to die’ (235). He gives her the letter. Poetical description of the effect of the burning words contained in it (236). Padmāvati takes the letter, but doubts the sincerity of his love (237). She writes a letter in reply :—‘When I visited the temple, why didst thou not tie the marriage knot? Thou becamest senseless, and, for modesty, I could not speak before my companions. I threw sandal on thee, but thou didst not awake. Now he, who like the moon, climbeth the sky, and risketh his life, obtaineth his object (238). Other heroes have unavailingly aspired to my hand. I am queen Padmāvati. I live in the seventh heaven (or story of the castle). He will obtain me who first destroyeth himself (239). I am pleased at receiving thy letter. Dare greatly, and thou wilt obtain me’ (240).

Description of Ratna’s condition, while waiting for a reply to his letter. He is at the point of death, when the parrot arrives with Padmāvati’s letter, which was like medicine to him (241). He revives. The parrot gives him the letter and message of Padmāvati, viz., ‘The Guru calleth his disciple quickly. She wisheth to make thee perfected. Come quickly. Life dwelleth in thy name. Thy way is within mine eyes, and thy place is within my heart’ (242). Ratna gets new life. His delight, and desire to obey her (243). He goes by the path which Mahēṣa had pointed out to him, and dives with his disciples into the tank at the foot of the fort.¹ He finds the door of the secret passage. He finds a zig-zag path, but it is morning when he commences to ascend the fort. There is a noise in the town that thieves have entered the castle (244). King Gandharva Sēna sends for his paṇḍits, and asks them what is the proper punishment for Yōgis who do house-breaking. They reply, impalement (248). The Prime Minister warns the king to be careful. ‘Take care lest these Yōgis be perfected ones (*śiḍḍha*)’ (246). The king orders his army to assemble to seize the Yōgis. The

¹ See 221.

portents which ensue (247). Ratna Sēna's companions wish to fight the army (248). Ratna Sēna dissuades them. He is ready to sacrifice himself (249). The king surrounds them. Ratna consoles them, and sings on his lute in honour of the Guru (250). 'I trust in my Guru and care not for what may happen (251). Padmāvati is my Guru, and I am her Cēlā. I am her slave' (252). Padmāvati fades away in Ratna's absence (253). She is heart-broken, her companions sympathize with her (254), and try to console her, but in vain (255).

CANTO XX.

THE CONSOLATION OF PADMĀVATĪ.

The companions console her (256). She laments, asks for poison. She calls for Hirāmaṇi (257). The nurse brings him. He comforts her. She faints, and recovers (258). He continues; describes Ratna Sēna's condition (259). Hirāmaṇi feels her pulse, and finds out that the creeper of love has really taken root in her heart. He describes to her the plant (260). Padmāvati expresses her trust in the parrot: asks him to bring about a meeting between her and her beloved (261). The parrot tells how Ratna had attempted to approach her, but as morning came before he had ascended, he had been seized and condemned to the stake (262). Padmāvati's consternation. 'If Ratna dies, I shall die too. I am no longer Guru. He is Guru, and I am Cēlā' (263). The parrot replies,—'Although he is thy Cēlā, he is now perfected. Thy perfection hath gone to him, and his sorrows have come to thee. Ye are one in one. He cannot now be harmed by death' (264). She is comforted and tells the parrot to tell Ratna to give up asceticism and act as a king, for he is king of her heart (265).

CANTO XXI.

THE IMPALEMENT.

Ratna is led with his followers to the place of impalement. The people pity him and say he cannot be a Yōgi. He must be a prince in love. When he sees the stake he laughs. The people ask why (266). He replies that he is glad to die. He has wished for death. Asks that there may be no delay (267). They tell him to call the one he loves best to mind. He proclaims his love for Padmāvati (268).

The Yōgis being in this danger, the throne of Mahādēva is shaken. He discusses with Pārvati as to what had best be done. They disguise themselves as bards (bhāṭas) and go with Hanumān to the scene of execution and hide themselves. There Gandharva Sēna has a large army

(269). Ratna is calling to mind Padmāvatī, and thanking Māhēṣa, who showed him the way to her. Pārvatī moved to pity looks at Mahādēva. She asks Mahādēva to save him (270).

In the meantime Hirāmaṇi comes to Ratna with the message of Padmāvatī. Ratna Sēna rejoices at the message. The parrot, and, in sympathy with him, all the people, moved to tears. The parrot and the Bard (Mahādēva) agree to risk their lives, and go towards the king Gandharva Sēna (271). The Bard, seeing Gandharva Sēna, and unable to bear Ratna Sēna's ill-treatment, determines to be a man and risk his life. He approaches Gandharva Sēna, and salutes him and the court with his left hand. He says,—‘Yōgis are water. Thou art fire. When these two fight, the fire is extinguished (272). This is not merely a Yōgi. He is a great king. If thou kill him there will be a tremendous battle, and every being will help him. When Mahādēva (his protector) rings his battle-bell, Brahmā, Vāsuki, and the eight elephants of the quarters will appear. Volcanoes will burst forth into action, and mountains will be rent into dust. Kṛiṣṇa will come, and a crowd from Indra's heaven, thirty-three crores of Gods and ninety-six cloud-armies. The ninety *nāthas*¹ and the eighty-four *siddhas* will come. Garuḍa and vultures will hover in the sky’ (273).

Gandharva Sēna asks,—‘Who is this insolent bard who salutes me with his left hand? Who is this Yōgi who comes to my palace and enters it by a mine like a thief? Indra, Kṛiṣṇa, Brahmā, Vāsuki, the Earth, mount Mēru, the Moon, Sun and Sky, the clouds, the mundane tortoise all fear me. What fear I for all this?’ The Bard warns him to have a care (274). He quotes as an example the case of Rāvaṇa, who was killed by two ascetics, Rāma and Lakṣmaṇa. Pride goes before a fall (275).

The Bard, seeing the king angry, comes forward humbly, and addresses him. ‘Bards are sacred persons. Bards are incarnations of Īṣvara. A Bard comes with his life in his hands. He is inviolable.’ The king asks why the Bard has been so insolent, and tells him to be more respectful, and to tell who he and the Yōgi are (276). The Bard replies:—‘The truth is, there is one Ratna Sēna, son of Citra Sēna, King of Citaur in Jambu-dvīpa. Him alone do I salute with my right hand, and none else. My name is Mahāpātra, and I am his impudent beggar’ (277).

Mahādēva ashamed (at the king not believing him, and seeing himself compelled to disclose his real name), still in his character as a bard,²

² Jagannātha, Vaidyanātha, &c.

³ *Daśamūhī*, means ‘bard.’ It is the Sanskrit *daśadhī*, ‘the man of ten wits.’ It is commonly used together with *bhāṭa*, the two words together meaning ‘bard.’

again addresses the king in humble language. 'Gandharva Sēna, mighty king, I am an incarnation of Mahēṣa,¹ hear what I say. I must tell thee what will happen. Why shouldst thou be angry? This is a prince, and not a Yōgi, who heard of Padmāvatī, and became ascetic for her sake. He is the son of a king of Jambu-dvīpa, and what is written in the book of fate cannot be erased. Thy parrot brought him hither, and thou becomest angry thereat. Then this matter was heard in Īvalōka. Marry the pair and do a virtuous action. He who begged from thee, will not leave thy door till he dieth. Even though it be a golden cup, give him alms, and kill him not' (278). Gandharva Sēna angrily calls him a beggar-bard, and tells him to go. 'This Yōgi must be impaled. I fear no one. Who is powerful as I (279)?'

Mahēṣa at length brings up his troops, and puts the Yōgis behind them. The Prime minister advises the king not to fight, but the latter obstinately persists. Aṅgada, the hero of the Rāmāyaṇa, comes to help the Yōgis. He begins by flinging five of the king's elephants into the sky (280). The battalion of elephants is ranged so as to protect the rest of the king's army. Hanumān comes and sweeps away the battalion with his tail (281). Īṣvara's battle-bell, and Viṣṇu's battle-conch is heard. All the Gods, demous, &c, come down to the fight. Gandharva Sēna falls at Mahādēva's feet, prays for mercy, and offers to give his daughter to whomever he may order (282). Thus Mahēṣa performs the office of an ambassador; at first bitter, then sweet. Recommends Gandharva Sēna to ask Hirāmaṇi about Citaur. 'Ratna is a jewel; test him, and marry him to your daughter' (283). The king sends for the parrot and asks him how the Yōgis came to the palace (284). The parrot begins by flattering the king (285). He tells his adventures and why he brought Ratna here. The king is pleased (286). The king is convinced, first by the words of the bard, and then by those of Hirāmaṇi. He sends for Ratna Sēna. He is identified as a prince by the thirty-two signs (287). Every one seeing him to be worthy of Padmāvatī, rejoices. The war music is changed to nuptial melodies (288). The king consents to the marriage. The Gods go home. Ratna Sēna and his princes put off their ascetic garments. General happiness (289).

[Here an Urdū edition adds:—

The body is Citaur-fort, and the soul is the king. The heart is Sīmhalā-dvīpa, and Brahmā is the Padminī. The *guru* is the parrot who sets one on the way. Illusion is 'Alāu'd-dīn, and Satan is Rāghava. Worldly cares are Nāgamatī (the snake-queen), who biteth those who love her.]

¹ See stanza 212, note¹.

CANTO XXII.

THE MARRIAGE.

The date fixed for the marriage. The preparations (290). The dress for Ratna Sēna (291). The marriage procession (292). Padmāvati mounts to the top of the palace and watches the procession (293). Her companions point out the bridegroom (294). Padmāvati's happiness at seeing Ratna. She faints from ecstasy (295). She recovers and explains that she had fainted in sorrow at the thought of leaving her home (296). The arrival of the procession (297). The feast prepared. The table arrangements (298). The food at the feast (299). There is no music, and Ratna and his guests refuse to eat. The Paṇḍit asks why (300). The king explains that there is no music. Sound was created before the Vēdas. When Adam was created, knowledge entered into his body with sound. At mealtimes there should be enjoyment. The eyes, tongue, nose, and ears should all be gratified (301). The Paṇḍit replies that music is intoxicating and excites the passions; hence it is not allowed at meals (302). *Sharbat* and *attar* are distributed; the marriage ceremonies are performed (303). Continuation of marriage ceremonies (304). Ratna Sēna receives the dowry, and is invited by Gandharva Sēna to remain in Siṃhala-dvīpa (305).

CANTO XXIII.

THE NUPTIAL CHAMBER.

Ratna Sēna is given a palace to live in (306). Description of it (307). Of the slaves in the nuptial chamber (308). Of the nuptial bed (309). The bridesmaids separate the bride from the bridegroom till night-fall, and proceed to adorn the latter. The weariness of the hours without Padmāvati (310). At night-fall the bridesmaids come and ask him (teasing him) where she is (311). Ratna entreats to be allowed to meet her (312). (No. 313 not in any edition). His entreaties continued¹ (314). The bridesmaids tease him still. They say they do not know where she is. He is a Yōgi. What has he to do with princesses? She is busy with the twelve methods of adornment (*ābharāṇa*) which are as follows (315),—bathing, application of sandal, vermilion on the parting of the hair, a spangle on the forehead, collyrium, earrings, nose-stud, betel to redden her lips, necklets, armlets, a girdle and anklets. Then there are the sixteen graces (*ṣṛiṅgārā*),—four long, four short, four stout, and four thin (316).

Description of Padmāvati adorning herself (317). Her features

¹ 310-314 are full of similes derived from chemistry.

(318). Her ornaments (319). Being fully adorned she delays going to her husband. She is frightened at what may happen (320). Her bridesmaids encourage her (321). She sets out for the nuptial chamber. Her charms as she goes (322).

She enters the nuptial chamber. Ratna Sēna is struck senseless by her beauty. They revive him, saying his Guru (*i.e.*, Padmāvatī) is here (323). He takes her arm and leads her to the bed. She modestly shrinks back. She says he is a Yōgī and she does not like him (324). He says he became Yōgī for her sake. He recounts the dangers he has gone through (325). She replies that self-praise is no recommendation. No one ever heard of a Yōgī-king. She teases him. 'Thou art not a Yōgī, but a mere beggar. A Yōgī, by suppression of his breath, can mount into the air and fly in spirit where'er he listeth. Thou art but a beggar disguised as a Yōgī, as Rāvaṇa was who carried off Sitā. When the night sees the moon it is no longer dark, and so, Yōgī, now that thou hast become king thou hast forgotten thy austerities' (316). He repeats that he was but a pilgrim of love. 'Be kind. Even Sitā gave alms to Rāvaṇa. I have become crimson, (*i.e.*, glorious) from the reflection of thy colour, and like the sun have I mounted to the sky. Where the moon is cool, how can I be hot? Therefore, lady, fulfil my heart's desire (327)! She replies (teasing him still). 'Thou sayest thou art crimson. How didst thou get this colour? It is not from thy fine clothes. It seemeth to come from a burning heart. The red *majīṭha* dye cometh from long cooking. The Palāça tree has to be burnt before it beareth its scarlet blossoms. Betel and the areca nut do not become red till caustic lime is added' (328). He replies. 'I have been burnt in the fire of love' (329). Padmāvatī,—'Thou art a wandering Yōgī, thou wilt not remain faithful' (330). Ratna;—'Though I may roam, I will never forget. But I will not even roam' (331). She challenges him to play *caupar*. He consents (332). He admits that he is beaten by her. Figurative comparison of *caupar*,¹ and the game of love¹ (333). Padmāvatī laughs. 'I see indeed thou art crimson from my colour. I went to the temple when Hirāmaṇi told me thou wast there. I was enchanted at thy beauty, and I loved thee (334).² What magic art thou master of, that thy pains were reborn in me? I suffered all the pangs that thou didst suffer. There is naught between us now, all

¹ Till a proper text is obtained it will be impossible to translate 332 and 333 correctly. They are full of metaphorical allusions to the game of *caupar* or *causar*, the Indian Backgammon. I have taken the trouble to learn the game, and have consulted several good players, but none of them can interpret the present printed text satisfactorily.

² It is possible that this stanza represents the words of the Prince.

I have, my body, my soul, my youth, my life, I dedicate to thee' (335). Again she adds, 'Verily thou art crimson from my colour. Thou art a Rājā of noble family. But thy home is in Jambu-dvīpa, how didst thou learn of Sīṃhala? How did Caṅkara teach thee this love' (336). Ratna replies, 'I did what Hirāmaṇi told me, and I became absorbed in thee' (337). She smiles and confesses that she fell into a like state with regard to him at Hirāmaṇi's words (338). * * * * Morning comes, then Ratna leaves her. The bridesmaids come and see Padmāvatī sleeping (345). They wake her. Her disarray (346). They laugh, and tease her about her disarray and ask how Ratna had treated her (347). She replies that she had learned that there is no one dearer than a husband and that her maiden fears were unfounded (348). She gives further particulars (349). They comment on her disordered condition (350). They run and tell her mother Queen Campāvatī, that Padmāvatī is not well. 'She looketh withered, and her colour is gone.' Campāvatī hearing this, knows what it means, and laughs. She goes with the tiring women to Padmāvatī, kisses and blesses her (351). The women sit round and commiserate Padmāvatī. 'The child is restless,' they say. 'The lotus bud is full of tenderness, and slender, and delicate is her waist. She is like the moon in eclipse, she who shone like the sun with a thousand rays.' They anoint and bathe her, and again she blooms like the full moon (352). They clothe her in beautiful garments (353).

Ratna Sēna appears in public. His friends who accompanied him from Cītaur congratulate him (354). He replies and gets 16,000 Padminī girls, and gives them to his friends as wives (355).

Padmāvatī calls her companions, and gives them presents. They rejoice (356). She then goes to Mahādēva's temple and worships him (357).

Night approaches. The bride and bridegroom meet again. Amorous talk. He challenges a fight. She prepares the artillery of her eyes, and calls on him to fight with an equal. She is a Queen and he a Yōgī (358). He replies, 'I am a Yōgī who conquereth both in love and in war. I am both Hanumān and the god of love. A master of horses and of the lower lip. I wound my enemy with the sword, and thy heart also, &c., &c.' (359).

CANTO XXIV.

THE SIX SEASONS AND THE TWELVE MONTHS.

Spring (*Vasanta*) comes, a season of joy (360). The hot season (*Griṣma*) (361). The rains (*Pāvusa*) (362). The autumn (*Āraḍa*)

(363). The cool and dewy season (*Çiçira*) (364). The winter (*Haimanta*) (365).

Queen Nāgamati, Ratna's deserted wife, in Citaur, laments her lonely lot (366). Her sad state (367). Her companions console her (368). The *Bārah Māsā*, *Aṣāḍha* (369), *Ġrāvāṇa* (370), *Bhādra* (371), *Aṣvina* (372), *Kārttika* (373), *Agrahāyana* (374), *Pauṣa* (375), *Māgha* (376), *Phālguna* (377), *Oaitrā* (378), *Vaiṣākha* (379), *Jyaiṣṭha* (380). The year of Nāgamati's torture again comes round with *Aṣāḍha* (381). Thus month by month she weeps throughout the year (382).

CANTO XXV.

NĀGAMATI'S MESSAGE.

Nāgamati is distraught and wanders in the forest asking the birds for news of her husband (383). She tells the birds her woes (384). A bird named Vihangama¹ hears Nāgamati's cries at night, and asks her what is the matter, she tells her woes. 'My husband hath become a Yōgi and gone to Siphala-dvīpa. I get no news of him (385). I am dry and bare as a lute (naught but wood and strings, i. e., bones and muscles). Who will go and tell my husband (386)? O, tell Padmāvati to let my husband return to me' (387). The woes of Ratna Sēna's mother Sarasvatī (388).

Vihangama take the message to Siphala. The burning message parches all the country. He rests on a tree by the edge of the sea (389). Ratna Sēna is hunting in the forest, and turns to the tree. He ties his horse and sits down. He looks up, sees Vihangama, and asks his name and why he is black. The bird replies 'Two months ago I went to Jambu-dvīpa, I saw a city called Citaur. How can I tell its misery. I am burnt black (390). The Rājā became a Yōgi and departed. The city became empty and dark. His Queen Nāgamati is burnt by unhappy love. By this time she is probably burnt to ashes. The fire of her woe is consuming the universe, and I was burnt black then, and fled for my life' (391). Ratna Sēna tells who he is and asks for further news (392). Vihangama reproaches him (393), describes his mother's condition (394), and Nāgamati's (395). The effects of Nāgamati's sorrow on the outer world (396). The Rājā welcomes the bird, and asks it to come down to him. Vihangama refuses. He prefers freedom (397), and departs. Ratna goes home sorrowful and determines to return to Citaur (398). He is distraught and full of regrets (399).

¹ *Vihangama*, is also the name of an exercise (*mārga*) of *Yōga*. There is of course here (as throughout) the double meaning.

He sends his compliments to Gandharva Sēna (400). He goes to him and says that he has had news that Citaur is threatened by the Emperor of Delhi, and that his brother is also threatening it. He must go home (401). The court regrets his departure. He asks for a lucky day to be fixed for the departure (402). Padmāvati ineffectually remonstrates (403). Distress of her companions (404). She calls them and bids them farewell (405). Their lamentations (406). They counsel her to obey her husband (407).

CANTO XXVI.

THE ASTROLOGERS.

The astrologers describe the luck of departures on the various week days (408). On what days of the month the unlucky Yōgini prohibits departure in certain directions (409). The lucky days of the lunar month (410). The signs of the zodiac (411). When the moon and stars are powerful on certain days (412). The Nakṣatras and Yōgas (413).

CANTO XXVII.

THE JOURNEY AND SHIPWRECK.

Padmāvati mounts her litter (414). She departs with Ratna. Her attendants and their glory. The king sends with Ratna valuable presents (415). Ratna, seeing all this wealth, becomes proud. The sea determines to ask for toll (416). The sea appears in person as a beggar, and asks for charity (417). Ratna angrily refuses. The sea threatens him (418).

Before they get half way across the sea, the wind rises. The ships lose their course (419). A sailor of Vibhiṣaṇa, a frightful Rākṣasa, appears in the sea (420). He is delighted at seeing the ships out of command. 'These Padminis will be dainty morsels for Vibhiṣaṇa.' He approaches the ship and asks what is the matter (421). Ratna calls him and asks him to show the way. He promises jewelry if he brings the ship safe to land (422). The Rākṣasa offers to conduct the ship to the Sētubandha, if he is given a present beforehand (423). The Rākṣasa takes the ship to where the bones of Mahirāvaṇa lie, in a great whirlpool. The ship revolves in it. The King calls out 'What are you doing? Here is the Sētubandha' (424). The Rākṣasa laughs. 'This is the city of Mahirāvaṇa. He used to bear the weight of the earth. When he died his bones remained here' (425). The ship is merged in the whirlpool. The elephants, horses, and men on board all sink. Carnivor

ous animals assemble. The Rākṣasa dances with delight, but at that moment a huge bird comes and carries him off. The ship is broken to pieces and Ratna and Padmāvatī are floated off in different directions, each clinging to a plank (426).

CANTO XXVIII.

THE SEA AND LAKṢMĪ.

Padmāvatī is borne fainting away. Lakṣmī, the daughter of the Ocean was sporting with her friends on the sea-shore, and just then the plank with Padmāvatī was thrown up by the waves. They go up to look at her (427). Lakṣmī sees the 36 auspicious marks on her, and takes measures to bring her to life. She takes Padmāvatī's head in her lap, and has her fanned. Consciousness returns. They give her water. Then Lakṣmī kindly asks about her troubles, and who she is (428). Padmāvatī opens her eyes. Asks where she is, and who they are. Where is her husband? (429). They say they do not know. They had found her thrown up by the sea. Gradually memory comes to her. She is almost mad with sorrow (430). Her lamentations. She wishes to become *Satī* (431). She uncovers her head to become *Satī*.¹ Her grief (432). Lakṣmī tries to console her. Promises that her father (the Ocean) will watch at every landing place for her husband. Lakṣmī goes to her father and entreats him to bring the husband and wife together (433).

Ratna Sena is thrown ashore at a high mountain. He ascends it and sees no one. When he thinks of his lost wealth he strikes his beard and weeps. 'Where is Padmāvatī? I have been lost through my egoism (434). Where is Padmāvatī (or wisdom)? I will search for her till I find her (435). Where am I to go to find her? (436). He addresses God (Gosāī, the creator). God's might (437). 'Let me die, murmuring Padmāvatī's name, unless thou seest good to reunite us. Yet I fear another separation, if we do meet again' (438). So saying he walks into the sea, and prepares to plunge his dagger into his neck. The Ocean (seeing that his egoism has diminished) approaches him as the form of a Brāhmaṇa. He blesses Ratna and asks for his story. Warns him that suicide is a sin (439). Ratna tells his condition. He owned Padmāvatī and wealth, and has now lost all in the sea (440). The Ocean smiles, and says, 'It is all the fruit of thine egoism. Had all this been really thine, thou wouldst have it still. All is illusion. Everything

¹ To allow the flames to burst forth. A true *satī* dies of spontaneous combustion. That is a general belief of even educated men at the present day in Bihār.

belongeth to Him who gave them. If he take them back, why dost thou lament?' (441). Ratna,—‘I care for naught except Padmāvatī. The sea hath taken her, and I will go to heaven and complain of the injustice’ (442). The Ocean,—‘Be brave like Rāma, and thou wilt find thy Sitā. Close thine eyes, and I will bring thee to Padmāvatī.’ Ratna complies, and immediately the Ocean takes him to where Padmāvatī is (443). Padmāvatī’s sorrow (444). Lakṣmī takes the form of Padmāvatī and waits at the landing-place by which Ratna is coming. Ratna seeing her runs to her, but discovers it is not Padmāvatī, and turns from her. Lakṣmī runs to him weeping. ‘Why art thou deserting me, my husband?’ (445). Ratna says, ‘I know thou art not Padmāvatī. Thou art like the jasmine, but hast not the scent’¹ (447). Lakṣmī smiles and offers to conduct him to the jasmine. She brings him to Padmāvatī. To Padmāvatī, she says, ‘Drink, O weary lotus. Thy sun who was hidden in the sea hath risen.’ To Ratna she says, ‘Lo, I have brought the bee to the jasmine’ (448). The meeting (449). The same (450). Padmāvatī asks Lakṣmī to restore also all their companions, followers, and property. Lakṣmī goes to her father and gets the request granted. The companions, followers, and property are all returned (451). The Ocean also gives them presents of many precious jewels (452).

CANTO XXIX.

THE RETURN TO CĪTAUR.

They remain ten days as guests of the Ocean, and then take leave. The Ocean gives Ratna five priceless jewels (*naga*), viz., *Amṛita* (ambrosia), *Haṁṣa* (the swan), *Simurgh* (the father of all birds), the Young Lion, and the Philosopher’s stone.² They mount on horseback, and set out escorted by a merman (*jala-manuṣa*), after bidding farewell to the Ocean’s wife. The merman conducts them to Jagannāth (453). They worship at Jagannāth and spend all their money there. The King’s reflections to Padmāvatī on the necessity of money (454). Padmāvatī says that Lakṣmī gave her at starting a betel leaf in which a number of jewels were wrapped up. He should sell one of these and put himself in funds. Ratna collects his followers and starts for home (455). They approach Cītaur (456). Their feelings after the long absence (457).

¹ 446 is missing in Rām Jasan’s edition.

² These five mystic jewels, the translation of which, it will be seen, presents some difficulty, have a prominent part in the story, vide 500, 526, 573.

Nāgamatī hears of the king's approach. Her happiness. She adorns herself. Her companions ask her why she is so happy (458). She explains. A herald comes and proclaims the arrival of the King (459). The general rejoicings in the city. Ratna's brothers ride out to meet him (460). Music. Ratna arrives and greets his mother. The temples are adorned. Padmāvatī's litter arrives. Nāgamatī's jealousy; so Padmāvatī is taken to a separate palace. The news about Padmāvatī spreads abroad (461). Ratna mounts the throne. Charity distributed. He embraces his brothers and relations, and makes them presents. Music. Holy men of all sects assemble (262).

At nightfall Ratna visits Nāgamatī; filled with jealousy of Padmāvatī, she sits with her face turned away from him. She reproaches him (463). He comforts her. Says he still loves her. He embraces her (464). She is consoled; laughs, and asks what kind of women he met in his travels. 'Is Padmāvatī as beautiful as I am? Bees wander from flower to flower.' He explains that he cannot compare the two. There he loves one, here he loves another (465). Night passes in conversation. In the morning he goes to Padmāvatī. She reproaches him for deserting her for Nāgamatī (466). He says he loves her alone. She tells him he should not go to Nāgamatī (467).

CANTO XXX.

THE RIVAL QUEENS.

The beauty of Nāgamatī's garden. She goes into it with her companions (468). Padmāvatī is told of this, 'Nāgamatī is in the garden and the king is sporting with her and her companions' (469). Padmāvatī cannot contain her wrath. She hastens to the garden with her companions. She meets her co-wife, they smile and sit down together on the same seat, with sweet words, but hatred in their hearts. Padmāvatī remarks on the beauty of the garden, and adds that it is not right that the Sugādhṛāw flower should be in the same garden with the jasmine and the Nāgēsar. Who cares for Jāmun fruit if the Mango grows with it in the same garden (470)? Nāgamatī replies, 'That fruit is the best which the bee loveth. The Jāmun, the Kastūri, and the Cōā fruits are (it is true) all black, (but still they are the best). The mango is set on high but it weepeth in its heart out of jealousy of them, for the bee loves them and not the mango. So doth the bee love the black Jāmun that he hath planted it in the midst of his garden' (471). Padmāvatī replies that the shrubs in her garden may be thorny, but

the fruit is not so bitter as in Nāgamatī's. In the latter there are no oranges or vines, and so on. 'Remain in thine own garden and do not fight with me. There is no flower equal to the jasmine' (472). Nāgamatī praises the fruits of her own garden. 'When a tree bears fruit, people throw clods at it. When a tree bends humbly down, it is because of the weight of its fruit. I am beautiful, may she who separated me from my love be burnt to ashes. My love is a Rājā, thine is a Yōgi' (473). Padmāvatī,—'I am a perfect lotus. I was created to be worshipped. Thou art the snake (*nāga*) of the world, to every one. Thou art dark-featured. Thou art a black bird, and I a swan. I am a pearl-broidered, and thou art a glass-bead-broidered bodice. Thou art an emerald dulled by being beside a diamond. Thou art eclipse, and I the moon. A dark night is not equal to the day' (474). Nāgamatī,—Thou art hard within, like a lotus. Thou spendest thy night lamenting thy husband's absence' (475). Padmāvatī,—'I am the lotus beloved of the sun. My heart expandeth when he shineth; while thou, gazing regretfully at the sky, art dried and burnt up. He and I are all in all to each other. Thou art like a wild fig full of flies, whose wings are born, but when it is time for them to die. Thou art a *nāgin* (snake) whose bite is mortal' (476). Nāgamatī,—'A lotus bloometh when the sun riseth, but its roots, if touched, foul the water. It grows in stinking slime, and its companions are fish and frogs and turtles. If it be washed a thousand times it will still stink. What shall I say to that beloved who has put coals of fire on my head? In the hope of sport with him, thou hast won and I have lost' (477). Padmāvatī,—'Yes, I have won all the charms of the world, my face from the moon, my hair from the black snake, my eyes from the deer, my throat from the voice of the koil, &c. To my form I gave the fragrance of Malaya. Thou art envious of me' (478). Nāgamatī,—'Why art thou proud of charms borrowed from others. I am dark with brilliant eyes, my face is fair, and my voice is like the cātaka's, my nose is like a sword, my brow like a bow, &c.' (479). Padmāvatī unable to bear any longer cries, 'Nāgamatī, thou snake, speak no more.' Then each speaks at the same time. They scream and fight like nymphs wrestling. Each holds the other's arms; bosom to bosom, neither turns back. In vain each tries to bring the other down. No one dares to interfere (480).

The wind whispers in Ratna's ears what is going on. He hastens there and remonstrates. 'Do ye not understand that sometimes it is night, and sometimes day? Ye are like the Ganges and the Jamunā' (481). The two wives embrace. He takes them into the palace and feeds them. He gives Nāgamatī a golden palace, and Padmāvatī a

silver one. They live happily (482). In due course Nāgamatī has a son, named Naga Sēna, and Padmāvati a son called Kamala Sēna. Astrologers prophesy that both will be great *rājās*. They are richly rewarded (483).

CANTO XXXI.

RĀGHAVA CAITANYA.

Amongst the paṇḍits attached to Ratna Sēna's court was one Rāghava Caitanya. He is the wisest of them all (484). Every one has his unlucky moment. One day when it was the first day of the new moon, the king asks when the second of the lunar month would come. Rāghava, by a slip of the tongue says 'to-day.' All the other paṇḍits say 'to-morrow.' Piqued, he adheres to his statement, and, by force of magic, when evening comes, makes the moon appear as if it was the moon of the second day (485). The paṇḍits disgusted. Next day comes, and, behold, the moon is again the moon of the second. They accuse him of being a wizard (486). Ratna in a rage orders Rāghava to be expelled from the country as a wizard (487). Padmāvati hears of this, and by her fore-knowledge perceives that the expulsion will lead to calamity. She sends for Rāghava to the foot of the palace. A Brāhman will go anywhere for hope of a reward, *in cælum jussus ibit*.¹ He comes there (488). Padmāvati appears at the lattice above, like a spotless moon. Rāghava blesses her. She gives him a bracelet. As she does so the string of her necklace breaks, and the stones of it also fall. Rāghava, startled by her glory and the jewels, falls senseless (489). Padmāvati smiles and tells her maidens to revive him. They take him to the shade, and ask him what ails him (490). Rāghava comes to himself with difficulty, and casts his eyes towards the lattice. He speaks incoherently of having been robbed. 'When Padmāvati looked at me, it was like a *ṭhag's* poisoned sweetmeat' (491). He tells how he has been stricken by Padmāvati's eyes (492). The maidens conclude that he has gone mad. They admonish him, and say that many men have been struck senseless by Padmāvati's beauty, but she is unattainable (493). He comes to himself. He determines to profit by what he has seen. 'I will try and earn another bracelet. The Turk has come to Delhi,—Shāh 'Alāu'd-din, the Emperor. In his mint gold is melted and twelve kinds of dinārs are made. To him will I describe the lotus, and he will come and be the sun to it' (494).

¹ *Svarga jāe jō hōe bolāwā.*

CANTO XXXII.

RĀGHAVA'S JOURNEY TO DELHI.

Rāghava starts for Delhi. He reaches the door of the Emperor's court. Can get no admission, and is in danger of being trampled to death by the crowds of horses (485). The Emperor knew all that was going on. He hears that a Brāhman beggar is standing at his gate with a bracelet in his hand (486). He sends for Rāghava. He has pity on foreigners. He also has been one (497). Rāghava appears. The Emperor asks, 'Why dost thou beg when possessed of such a bracelet?' He replies that Ratna Sēna has a lovely Padminī of Sindhaldvipa, for his wife, in Citaur. 'She is beauteous as the moon. She appeared at the lattice, gave me this bracelet for a reward, and took away my life' (498). The Emperor laughs and does not believe him. 'Thou art praising up a piece of glass. Where is this matchless lady? I have sixteen hundred, and, if there is a perfectly beautiful lady anywhere, she is in my palace' (499). Rāghava replies,—'Thou art an emperor, and I a beggar. I have travelled East and West, North and South, but there are four things that thou hast not got, the Padminī, Amṛita, Haṃṣa, and the lion's cub.¹ I have travelled far and wide and if I am ordered, I will describe the four kinds of women, the Hastinī, the Sindhini, the Citriṇī, and the Padminī (500).

CANTO XXXIII.

THE TALE OF FAIR WOMEN.

Description of the Hastinī (501), the Sindhini (502), the Citriṇī (503). General account of the Padminī (504). Further particulars (505). Such is the Padminī who has come to Citaur (506). The dangers of her beauty (507). The lightning of her smile (508). Her raven locks (509). The parting of her hair (510). Her brow (511). her eyebrows (512), her eyes (513), her nose (514), her lips (515), her teeth (516), her voice (517), her ear (518), her cheek (519), her neck (520), her arms (521), her bosom (522), her gait (523), her delicate grace (524).

The Emperor is struck senseless by this description of Padmāvatī's beauty. He becomes enamoured of her, and asks Rāghava once more to tell him about Citaur and the Padminī (525). Rāghava says that beside her there are five other jewels in Citaur,² and describes them (526). The Emperor richly rewards Rāghava, giving him not only elephants and horses, but a pair to the bracelet, in which were fixed

¹ See 453.² See 453 and 500.

thirty crores worth of jewels. He promises Rāghava the throne of Citaur on the day on which he obtains possession of Padmāvatī. 'I will first take the five jewels and then her.' He calls Sur'jā the wrestler,¹ and gives him a letter to take quickly to the king of Citaurfort. The king (Ratna) receives the letter which, after the usual polite expressions, runs, 'Send me, quickly, the Padminī of Siphala-dvīpa' (527).

CANTO XXXIV.

THE WAR BETWEEN THE KING AND THE EMPEROR.

Ratna's rage on hearing the letter read. He will not kill Sur'jā for the insult. 'A thirst which the sea cannot extinguish is not affected by a little dew' (528). Sur'jā replies,—'I am come here prepared to die. The Emperor sent me knowing this. Beware of his power. He can destroy thee if he will. Citaur existeth but by his favour. If thou wilt give the Padminī, thou may'st keep Citaur, and will be given Candēri in addition' (529). King,—'If my wife go, what is Citaur, and what Candēri? I am ready to fight like Hammira, of Ran'thambhaur; like Hanumān, or Rāma Candra. I have founded an era, like Vikrama. If the Emperor want money, I will give it him; but if he wish a Padminī, let him go to Siphala-dvīpa, and fetch one' (530). Sur'jā,—'Boast not, O king! All the earth boweth before the Emperor. If he wish to go to Siphala, he can, but the day he besieges thy fort, he will take all that thou dost possess. Be advised in time' (531)! King,—'Go and tell the Turk not to run hither to his death, like Alexander, who hastened to the Kajali forest for ambrosia, but obtained naught but regrets. My fort is strong. Let him come to attack it when he wisheth' (532). Sur'jā returns to the Emperor, and reports. The King refuses to listen. The Sultan's rage. He declares he will destroy Citaur like Ran'thambhaur (533).

He sends out letters in all directions, and calls his nobles. The countless army which assembles (the stock similes) (534). Enumeration of the various kinds of horses (535). The elephants (536). The nobles, and the various countries they come from (537). The equipment. They march (538). The terror inspired in the various citadels on the way (539). Only two citadels stand firm, Citaur and Kam-bhal'nār.² Ratna hears of the approach of the Turk. He sends letters to all Hindū Rājās,—'Citaur, the holy place of Hindūs, is being attacked by Turks. The sea is in flood and there is no embankment.

¹ See 682.

² This fort plays a prominent part in the poem subsequently; see 628 and ff.

I alone am the dyke. Help it, for your own sakes, otherwise he will attack you all. As long as the dyke remaineth standing, it is well, but once it is breached, the flood cannot be stopped. The betel¹ is ready.' (540). A similar message is sent by Ratna to the Hindū Rājās who are bound by feudal ties to the Emperor. They meet and approach the Emperor, saying, 'Citaur is the mother of the Hindūs, nor can we forget the relationship, even though it cause us peril. Ratna Sēna is ready to sacrifice himself, and he is the greatest King amongst the Hindūs. Be friendly and forgive him, or else give us betel as a token that we may depart. Then will we go and die, that the name of our honour be not wiped out.' The Emperor gives them leave to go, and three days' law (541). Ratna Sēna puts Citaur in battle array. The kings come and salute him. Enumeration of Rāj'pūt tribes. They are ready to fight to the death (542). The citadel is provisioned for a seven years' siege. A strong moat is dug zig-zag round it. Range over range of cannon. The battlements crowded with warriors, &c. (543).

The Emperor marches. Description of the effect of the cavalry and elephants (544). The cannon (545). Comparison of a cannon with a lovely woman (546). The progress of the elephants (547). Further description of the progress of the elephants. The dust raised made the world dark as the Kajalī forest, when Alexander went to it (548). The dust and consequent darkness (549).

The army approaches Citaur. Ratna and his generals mount the battlements to see it, but its rear reaches so far as to be invisible. The Queen ascends to the roof of the palace, crying, 'Lucky am I in having a king, against whom the Turks have had to raise such an army' (550). Ratna is undismayed at the sight. He and his friends prepare for a sally of cavalry (551). Description of Ratna's steed (552), and of the royal elephants (553). The cavalry and elephants are ready for the fray. In front are the chariots, and in the rear are the death-flags, behind which there is no retreat. The army sallies forth (554). The two armies meet in conflict (555).

CANTO XXXV.

THE TRUCE.

Description of the elephants fighting (556). The hand-to-hand fight (557). The terrific combat. Delight of ghouls (558).² The Emperor urges on more soldiers to meet the ever-advancing Hindūs

¹ Taken by a hero before going on a desperate fight.

² Throughout the following the King and his army are compared to the moon, and the Emperor and his army to the sun,

(559). The Rāj'pūts are beaten back by the Emperor's troops, as a lily closes before the sun (560). The Emperor attacks the fort in the day time (561). By night, the 'Moon' (*i. e.*, the Rāja) rises, and fires blazing bombs at the enemy, which cannot be withstood (562). At day-break, the 'Sun' (the Emperor) again comes forth, and attacks the citadel. The fight lasts the whole day, without result, and so affairs go on day by day (563). The Emperor lays a mine, and bombards the fort. His artillery is officered by Abyssinians (*Habshī*), Greeks (*Rūmī*), and Portuguese (*Firangī*). The mine explodes (564). The confusion which arises and the damage done in the fort (565). The King, so far from being dismayed, makes arrangements for a dancing entertainment, in full view of the Emperor. Catalogue of the musical instruments. Every device of joy is there; five nautch girls dance. While the Emperor is besieging the fort, the king is diverting himself with a nautch (566). Description of the songs. High up on the fort the dance proceeds, while below the Turks fire off their cannon, as their generals watch the entertainment, rubbing their hands, beating their heads, and crying, 'When will these fall into our hands?' (567). The Dancers (568). In the course of the dance, one of the dancing girls turns her back towards where the Emperor is sitting, down below. The Emperor is angry at the insult. He orders arrows to be fired, and the arrow fired by Jahāngir, Rājā of Kannauj, strikes the girl, and she is killed. The nautch is stopped. The Turks below applaud the shot (569). The King's people build ramparts of earth and repair the damage caused by the explosion (570). They make preparations for performing *Jūnhar*, if the worst comes to the worst (571).

The siege goes on for eight years. Trees planted by the Emperor grow up and bear fruit. He becomes weary of his task. Just then news comes that, 'Harēwā,¹ the Lord of the West, who used to fly before thee, has now stood up to face thee. He whose face was in the ground has raised his head to heaven crying, "The Emperor is safe fastened at Citaur"' (572). Hearing this, the Emperor meditates, and determines to take Ratna by treachery. He sends Sur'jā, telling him to go to the king and speak gently to him: say, 'I will not take the Padmini. If I am but allowed to see her, I will raise the siege. Take Nehicala and Candēri, in addition to thine own dominions, and only give me the five jewels² which the sea gave thee' (573). Sur'jā goes to the king, and commences by explaining that the Emperor has him like a bird in a cage, and can crush him at any moment, as he did Hammira (574). The king replies, 'I am not an era-maker like Hammira, like Bhōja, or

¹ By tradition, Harēwā is said to have been a noted *ṭhag* chief.

² See 453.

Vikrama. But still we have withstood the siege for seven years, and have no want of food. There is also a plentiful natural spring of water. We are still ready to fight, and are still prepared, if need be, to die' (575). Sur'jā,—'O king, he who disobeyeth the Emperor must finally be destroyed,' and so on. 'Thy fort is on the point of crumbling, take heed to what I say if thou would'st escape. Let him see thy five jewels. If his soul is pleased with one, he will forgive all thy wickedness' (576). King,—'The Emperor is my elder (or superior). He can forgive me and do what he wisheth. What are my five jewels? My whole treasury is his. Can Darius cope with Alexander? What thou hast said, I humbly accept, but I will not be satisfied without an oath.' Sur'jā takes the oath with intent to act treacherously, and the king accepts it and summons a herald (577), to whom he makes over the five jewels, and despatches him to the Emperor, with this message,—'O, sun of the world! light of the earth! the black crow boweth himself humbly before thee. Thy glorious light illumineth the world. Nothing in the nine continents is hid from thee. Anger and mercy are both at thy service, thou killest in thy fierce sunshine, and revivest in thy shadow. Let not the Sun be angry with the Moon, who is eclipsed, and confined in a cage. To-morrow morn, the crow will humbly approach thee' (578). When the herald finishes his message, the Emperor replies. He reproaches Ratna for disobedience. This disobedience has made the crow's feathers black (579). 'Go tell the king that, if he is true, there is no fear. He who trusteth himself to me is safe from harm. To-morrow the Sun, (*i. e.* the Emperor) will visit the fort, that thou may'st lay thine arms before him.' The Herald, taking the betel of friendship, returns to the king, and gives the Emperor's message. The King immediately orders preparations to be made for a feast for the Emperor (580).

CANTO XXXVI.

THE FEAST TO THE EMPEROR.

Description of the animals and fowl brought for the feast (581), the fish (582), the wheat and cakes (583), the rice (584), the spices for the meat (585). The pasties and fruit (586). The way the fish are cooked (587). How the vegetables are cooked (588). The pulse-meal cakes (*barā*) (589). The sweetmeats (590). Everything that is above-mentioned has first to be treated with water before cooking. Praise of water (591).

They spend the night in cooking. In the morning the Emperor comes, preceded by Rāghava Caitanya (592).

CANTO XXXVII.

THE EMPEROR'S VISIT TO THE FORT.

Description of the seven-storied palace. The King meets the Emperor at the gate. The Emperor admires the fort (593). Beauty of the palace. Its gardens and temples (594). The Emperor, looking round, notices Padmāvatī's palace. Its beauty, and the way in which it is guarded (595). He arrives at the seventh story. Its magnificence, with its wonderful mirrors. The Emperor is seated on a magnificent throne amidst the mirrors. But he thinks most of all of Padmāvatī (596), who however is not visible. The King's hospitality. The Emperor converses with the king, but his soul longs for Padmāvatī (597).

Gōrā and Bādāl¹ suspect the Emperor, and whisper to Ratna that they fear treachery (598). Ratna refuses to believe them, especially as treachery always recoils on itself. Witness the Pāṇḍavas and the Kauravas (599).

The King has 1,600 women slaves, out of whom he selects 84, whom he produces before the Emperor. They all use the artillery of their eyes upon him. He asks Rāghava, which of them is Padmāvatī (600). Rāghava replies,—‘These are only her maidservants. These are merely the pearls which set off the diamond. As long as you look upwards (towards the lattice windows of the female apartments), she will not look up.’ The Emperor immediately ceases looking up, ‘A guest has no right to do so. I will act like Arjuna, and succeed with a reflection in a mirror’ (601). He is served with food by damsels beauteous as Indra's nymphs (602). He cannot eat (603) or drink, ‘I would drink with mine eyes, and not with my tongue’ (604). The meal being over, the king waits upon the emperor, offers him trays of jewels, and asks for forgiveness, and that the sun of the Emperor's kindness may shine upon him (605). The Emperor expresses himself pleased, tells him to retain his own country, and to have the land of *Mārtā* in addition. He leans upon the King's shoulder, so that, deceiving him by a show of affection, he may capture him by fraud (606). The Emperor sits down to a game of chess with the King, first arranging a mirror on the wall so that it may reflect the lattice window of the female apartments. He sits facing the mirror. The game of chess described metaphorically (607).

The maidens who had served the Emperor go to Padmāvatī, de-

¹ See 656.

scribe him to her, and advise her to look at him, or she will miss a sight she will not have a chance of seeing again (608). She goes to the lattice and looks out, and the Emperor sees her reflection in the mirror. He who has been desiring a castle (*rukḥ*) in the game of chess, is checkmated when he sees Padmāvatī's face (*rukḥ*). He falls into a stupor. The king, not knowing the reason, expresses concern. Rāghava says he is only overcome by the betel nut,¹ and has him put to bed. Night passes. The Emperor comes to himself in the morning (609). Padmāvatī has disappeared, and the Emperor rises, looking like a Yōgi. Rāghava goes to him, saying,—‘Hath the lotus become poison, when it saw the sun? Thou art all-powerful. Why art thou so distraught?’ (610). Emperor,—‘I have seen a wondrous vision. A curtain which had been before my eyes was raised. I saw in my mind a lake, in which water had been, and was no longer. Heaven came down and covered the earth. It came upon the earth but I could not grasp it. Again I saw in it a lofty temple. It was within reach of my hand but I could not touch it. In it, I saw, in my mind, an image, but it appeared without body and without life. It was bright as the full-moon, but, like the philosopher's stone, it showed itself and disappeared. Now my life is where that full moon is. How can the sun find the new moon? The lotus bloomed at night, like a flash of lightning (611). That beauteous form hath entered into my soul and dragged out my life. I saw a lion's waist, the might of an elephant, snakes for the elephant goad, and a peacock for its rider. Over it was a lotus blooming, round which bees hovered and drank the odour. Two fluttering *Khañjan* birds, between which sat a parrot, while a two-days-old moon rose with a bow in its hand. A deer appeared and then became invisible. The moon became a snake, and the sun a lamp. I saw it very high, and then start away. Mine eyes followed it, but I could not reach it. While I gazed at it, it faded away. It went, as I gazed and meditated on it’ (612). Rāghava explains the vision. ‘The wondrous form which thou didst see was certainly Padmāvatī. She hath a little waist like a tiger's, and her gait is that of an elephant. Her neck is graceful as a peacock's, and her hair (brilliant as the lamp of the sun) resembleth black curling snakes. Her face was the lotus, exhaling gentle odour to the Zephyr, the fluttering *khañjans* were her eyes, and the parrot her nose. The bow is her eyebrows, and the two-day moon her brow. She is that deer which appeared and became invisible, whose locks are like black snakes, and whose soul is a lamp. Thou did'st see her reflection in the mirror, and therefore the image which thou did'st

¹ The Area nut eaten with betel sometimes causes faintness. The idiom used for it is *śpāri lag gai hai*.

see had no life within it. Now take thought and act. He tasteth the fragrance of those locks on whose lips they fall' (613).¹

CANTO XXXVIII.

THE CAPTURE OF THE KING.

The Emperor asks for his litter, and starts on his return to the camp. The King, delighted at his kindly words sees him off, and heedlessly accompanies him part of the way. The Emperor, conversing with the King, leans his hand upon his shoulder in a friendly way, and uses words which are sweet in the mouth, but poison in the belly (614). As the Emperor passes Padmāvatī's palace, she is filled with forebodings. As they pass the first palace, the Emperor gives the King a robe of honour, a hundred horses, thirty elephants, a kettle-drum, and a spice vessel.* As they pass the second palace, he gives cavalry; at the third, costly jewels; at the fourth, 10 millions of money; at the fifth, two pairs of diamonds, at the sixth he gives the kingdom of Mārō, and at the seventh that of Candēri; and when they pass the seventh gate, he has the King seized and carried off a prisoner (615).

Reflections of the poet. There are many waters in this world. Some men cross them and some sink. Some are blind, and cannot see the fire in the way, and others can see clearly and cleverly. To the King success became a disease, for he left heaven and fell down to earth. Why should he have trusted an enemy whom he had released after having him in his grasp,—and so on. A cruel lesson on imprudence is it to the King (616).

They load the King with fetters, and put him in a cage. The news reaches Citaur, and spreads over the country. Lamentation of the people. 'To-day the sun is set and Citaur is in darkness' (617). The cry is 'the Musalmān has conquered the Hindū.' The Emperor marches off with the King. The moral effect of the capture on the whole of India. All tremble, and become submissive to him. He returns to Delhi. All those who had rebelled, again submit (618). The cruelties of the King's imprisonment. He is taunted and beaten if he asks but for water. Burning, in want of water, he falls asleep, and wakes

¹ I have given a more full translation of these three verses than usual, as they are of some importance for following the plot. The passage, as printed, is, however, very corrupt, and the details cannot be accepted as correct.

* A *caugharī*, is a silver or gold jewelled case in four (or more) compartments for holding cardamoms, otto of roses, cloves and the like, when presenting them to a guest.

in the morning after dreaming of oceans (619). They continue taunting him about his disobedience, and tell him his only chance of success is to send for Padmāvatī if he wishes to escape (620). He gives no reply, and prepares for death. Description of his ill treatment (621).

Padmāvatī's anxiety about her husband's continued absence. She can get no news of him. Her sorrow (622). Her lamentations for her absent husband (623). The same continued (624). Nāgamatī's sorrow (625, 626, 627).

CANTO XXXIX.

KUMŌDINĪ.

Rājā Dēva Pāla of Kambhal'nēr,¹ a bitter enemy of Ratna Sēna, hears of his imprisonment, and determines to try and get Padmāvatī into his power. He sends for an old bawd named Kumōdinī, a Brāhmaṇī by caste, and gives her a betel *bīrā*,² telling her to go to Citaur and by force, or fraud, to bring Padmāvatī to him (628). She is ready to go, and boasts of the power of her charms and incantations (629). She fills a basket with cakes, and starts for Citaur (630). She arrives at Citaur, and after reciting her incantations goes into the palace, finds Padmāvatī's apartments, and takes the cakes to her. As she enters, she opens her arms, but Padmāvatī does not recognize her. Then she cries. 'Thou and I were born in the same town. My father's name was Bēnī Dūbē, Gandharva Sēna's private priest. When thou wast a child in Sindhala Dvīpa, I used to give thee milk to drink. I have made a second home in Kambhal'nēr, and hearing that thou art in Citaur, I have come to see thee' (631). When Padmāvatī hears the name of her father's house, she falls on the old woman's neck and weeps. She laments fate. 'Why did my parents give me this unhappy lot by marrying me, and giving me a husband who hath been imprisoned? I wish to die, but my shameless life doth not abandon me' (632). Kumōdinī embraces her and weeps, and washes Padmāvatī's face. Consoles her. 'Who can wipe out what is written on the forehead?' Padmāvatī gives no reply, and remains unconsoled (633). Kumōdinī uncovers the trays of sweetmeats, but Padmāvatī will not eat them. She refuses even to touch them (634). Kumōdinī stays. She proffers further consolation. 'Thou art still a young lotus. Thou art still in thy tender youth. Why wear these unbecoming weeds of

¹ See 540, Note 2.

² Offered to a person entrusted with a dangerous mission, and accepted by him or her.

sorrow. Adorn thyself. Sit upon thy throne, and sport. Enjoyment is but for a few days, and youth once gone doth not return' (635). Padmāvatī refuses comfort. 'She hath youth who is in the shadow of her husband's face. The jasmine of my body will take new shoots, when the lord of the house, its waterër, returneth. Till then it will remain withered' (636). Kumōdinī,—'Think not thus of life. As long as there is youth there are lovers. No husband is ever constant. Youth, like water, diminisheth day by day, and birds only seek the pond while it containeth water' (637). Padmāvatī,—'What is life and youth without a husband. She who is wedded to a lion desireth not a jackal. The true beauty is chastity. Sin maketh the most lovely to be black' (638). Kumōdinī,—'Old age will come. It will then be too late for joy. Thy beauty will all disappear; now is the time for happiness' (639). Padmāvatī flames up. 'May her beauty be burnt up, who deserteth her own, and lusteth for another. Two kings cannot sit on one throne. Youth may go, and lovers may go, but not the memory of my husband's love. If we meet not in this world, we will meet hereafter. I am sinner enough as it is, for I still live' (640). Kumōdinī,—'No taste is appreciated till a new taste cometh on the tongue. Thou hast not learned the taste of another man. They only know the taste of the first, who have tried another. One sip of nectar filleth not the heart, till another hath been drunk' (641). Padmāvatī. 'Thou art my enemy, not my nurse: with inky words hast thou come to cheat me. Water is clean till ink falleth into it. The very moon would become black if defiled with such ink. Thou art insulting me with a smile upon thy mouth. My husband (*ṣyāma*)-lover is brilliant as the sun, other lovers are black (*ṣyāma*) as ink'¹ (642). Kumōdinī,—'Thou hast already black ink upon thee,—I see it in the blackness of thine eyes. Nay, black collyrium is adornment; so also is the black mole on the cheek. A line of ink giveth an enhanced charm. The pupils of the eye are black, and the whole world is seen by them, and so on. How can there be whiteness where there is no black? How can there be a body, when there is no reflection? Dēva Pāla is an all-powerful king. Thou wilt forget Citaaur, when thou hast gone to Kambhal'nēr' (643). Padmāvatī bends her brows in wrath. 'Dēva Pāla is my husband's foe. How paltry is the bear compared to the lion; and, lo! a harlot is telling me a love-message from him. Were my lord here he would cut thy nose, and ears, and paint thy face black. He would shave thy head, and mount thee on an ass' (644).

¹ So the printed editions. The original was probably a pun, or corrupted form of *svāmī* and *ṣyāma*.

CANTO XL.

THE FALSE YŌGINĪ.

Padmāvatī founds a Dharma-çālā, in the hope of earning the release of the king. To every traveller who resorts to it, she gives food and water. From all she asks for news of her husband. The Emperor, hearing of this, sends for a harlot, clever in acting. He dresses her like a Yŏginī, and sends her to Citaur with instructions to persuade Padmāvatī to become a Yŏginī, and to bring her to Delhi. She arrives at Citaur, dressed as a Yŏginī (645). She comes begging to the palace door. A maid-servant tells Padmāvatī of her. 'A Yŏginī is at the door, and beggeth like one who hath lost a beloved. Though still in her first youth, she is living in austerity. She hath torn her veil and hath put on the beggar's blanket. She hath the ashes of separation, and matted hair, a skin over her shoulder, and a rosary round her neck. Her voice is wild, and her very footsteps burn the earth' (646). Padmāvatī calls her, and asks her whence she has come. 'Why art thou so distraught?' 'My beloved hath gone to a far country, and for him am I become a Yŏginī. What are life and youth and body, when my love is gone? So I tore my veil and took the beggar's blanket. I wander everywhere and call for him. Though he dwelleth in my heart, he answereth not (647). I have wandered and wandered. I have gone to Banāras, to Gayā, to Jagannāth and Dwāraka, to Kedāranātha and Ayōdhyā (648), to Gaumukha, Haridwāra, Nagarakōṭa, the Tīlā of Bālanātha and Mathurā, to Suryakunḍa, Badarīnātha, Rāmanātha, Gomatī, Gurudwār, Sētubandha, Sumēru, Alakāpura (the city of Kuvēra), Brahmāvarta, Bēnī Sangama (*i. e.*, the Prayāga), Nilakanṭha, Miçrikha, Kṛajēta, and Gōrakshanātha. I went as far east as Patna, but found not my beloved (649). I wandered everywhere. I saw the Turks at Delhi, and the prisoners of the Emperor. Amongst them I saw one Ratna Sēna, exposed to the sun and denied all shade. I saw other kings prisoners there, who, seeing me to be a Yŏginī, fell at my feet, (and implored me to release them). But what could I do. Delhi is not such an easy place. There is no escape from prison there. My body hath lost its soul in compassion at his suffering. How can she live whose husband is such a prisoner?' (650).

Padmāvatī learning that her husband is a prisoner, her grief is a hundred-fold intensified. It is like melted butter added to fire. She falls in horror at the Yŏginī's feet. 'Let me have thy feet, that I may lay my eyes upon them. O, take me where my husband is! Show him to me as thou hast seen him, and I will give my life to thee as a sacrifice, I will give thee all the rewards of my chastity and religious virtue,

if thou wilt only tell me of him. Thou art *Guru*, I am thy *śikṣā*. I was wandering in error and thou hast shown me the way. Wait for me but for a moment, that I may dress as a *Yōgini* and go with thee.' Her maidens advise her to restrain herself. A *Yōgini* cannot divulge her *Guru's* instructions (651). The maidens (suspecting the falseness of the *Yōgini*, continue to her). 'Take alms *Yōgini*, and go.' Then, to *Padmāvati*, 'Thou wilt not find thy love with such trivial deception. Remain at home till thy husband returneth. Let thy austerity be to remain at home. Instead of thy ascetic's vessel, wear thy modest veil, and for thy ascetic's horn, take thy sighs. For thy matted locks, bear the pangs of separation,' and so on. 'Before going with this woman, first seek advice from *Gōrā* and *Bādal*' (652).

CANTO XLI.

THE COUNSEL OF *Gōrā* AND *BĀDAL*.

Taking the advice of her maidens, she herself runs on foot to *Gōrā*¹ and *Bādal's* palace. The two heroes come out to meet her. She refuses to be seated. They ask her why she comes in such haste on foot and in public (653). *Padmāvati's* tears. Her distraught condition (654). 'Ye, *Gōrā* and *Bādal* are two pillars. No one is brave in the battle-field like ye. The creeper of separation hath become a tree, and overshadoweth the earth. Let me become a *Yōgini* and run thither where my love is a prisoner. Let me be bound, and let me release him' (655).

Gōrā and *Bādal* are greatly distressed. Say they, 'We were vexed with the king and warned him against entering into treaty with the Turk.² Our suspicions have been realized, but as long as we have life we will not retreat, nor should'st thou become a *Yōgini* while thy husband liveth. Be of good cheer. The star *Canopus*³ is risen, and the *Hathiyā* asterism roars. The waters abate, the king will surely return. The rains are over and *Canopus* appeareth. We will saddle and away. We will smite the demon of eclipse and release the sun, and no root or sprout of grief will remain' (656). *Padmāvati* gives *Gōrā* and *Bādal* the betel, exclaiming, 'To what can I compare you? Ye are like *Hanumān* and *Aṅgada*, like *Arjuna* and *Bhīma*,' and so on. 'As *Hanumān* served *Rāghava*, so do ye the king; as *Bhīma* showed valour in the burning lac house, risking his life for others when he dragged the blazing beam, so do ye' (657). Ye are *Rāma* and *Lakṣ-*

¹ *Gōrā* was *Padmāvati's* uncle and *Bādal* her nephew.

² See 598.

³ I. e., Autumn, when Kings go out to fight. The '*Vikrama Kāla*.'

maṇa, Drōṇa and Gāṅgēya,¹ Nakula and Sahadēva, Yudhiṣṭhira and Duryōdhana, Bhīṣma and Nala, Rāghava and Paraça Rāma, Bharata and Çatrughna, opponents of Kama and Cānura, Pradyumna and Aniruddha. Help me as Bhīma helped the Pāṇḍavas' (658). They take the betel, and tell Padmāvatī to call her litter and return home; she should not walk. She revives, and returns joyfully to her palace in a way consonant with her dignity (659).

CANTO XLII.

THE DEPARTURE OF GORĀ AND BĀDAL.

Yaçodā, the mother of Bādal, comes and clasps his feet; saying, 'Thou art but a child, what knowest thou of battle? Mighty kings who opposed the Emperor could not protect Hammira.' Description of the Emperor's power. 'Where great kings crash to ruin, what hast thou to do? To-day is the day for receiving thy bride home from her father's house. Remain at home and be happy' (660). Bādal,—'Mother, think not of me as a green boy. I am Bādal, the lion of battle. When a lion heareth a herd of elephants his soul is mightily moved, and his lion-racehood² cannot be hidden. I am ready to fight the Emperor alone. I would stand before a mad elephant unmoved, and tear its trunk and out-root its tusks. I will plant myself in the battle-field firm as Angada. Consider me not as a child. Where'er the king is imprisoned, there will I enter and release him, even if it be hell' (661). As Bādal equips himself for battle, the marriage procession of Bādal's bride approaches. The bride appears, moonfaced, and brave in all her finery. Her beauty. She laments when she hears of her husband's departure; 'As I arrive at my husband's gate, he departeth to a distant land.' Her bridesmaids try in vain to console her (662). She casts aside her veil, and stands humbly at the door. She casts a piercing glance at Bādal and gathers up her raiment, but her husband looks another way and hardens his heart. Then she smiles and looks towards him, but he turns his back to her. Turning his face away he is wroth, 'I will not walk towards the woman's face.' The bride wonders at his ill-omened conduct. She is too modest to address him (663). Then she considers, 'I have not gained my love by my modesty, let me cast it aside and address him?' She smiles and catches his waist-band, saying, 'A husband should not refuse his wife's request. To-day I am come for the first time from my father's house, and thou, my love, art going to the battle. I have left my home but to meet thee; what leaving home is that, when my lord leaves me?

¹ The grandfather of Bhīṣma.

² Rāj'pūts call themselves *Siṃha*, lion.

The bride hath not seen her beloved even one eye-full, and the beloved hath not yet met the bride once in his life. I am a lotus full of hope of union, and the bee who sippeth my nectar should not desert me. I lay my forehead at thy feet, (Hear me, my Lord), and, lo, now thy feet are bound in the tangles of my locks, so, how can'st thou leave me?' (664). Bādal,—‘Lady, loose my waist-band. When a husband goeth forth to war, his wife should never grasp it. ’Tis true, fair lady, that for thee to-day is thy starting for thy new home, but for me it is the starting for where my king is in prison. Till my king return free, heroism alone fills my soul, not love. Women and land are hand-maidens of the sword, whoso sword conquereth them, to him do they belong. In whoso house the sword is pulled from the fist of the wielder, there is there no virile power, no moustache nor beard. On my face hair has come, let me play with life for a stake, and earn heaven in my master's service. The word of a man ne'er turneth backwards, e'en as the tooth of an elephant, once grown, doth not return into his mouth. Thou art but a girl, O lady, and understandest not. He who fighteth understandeth. A man whose heart is full of war, careth not for love.’ (665). The bride replies,—‘If thou would'st fight, I have made preparations for a love conflict. My bosom have I made the van, and the army of love in wrath is routing the troops of separation. My heroism is the vermilion on my brow, like the red blood on a naked sword. My brow is a bow, and mine eyes provide the arrows,’ and so on. ‘First fight with me and then think of war’ (666). She is unsuccessful in her entreaties. She weeps, in vain (667).

CANTO XLIII.

THE TALE OF GORĀ AND BĀDAL.

Gorā and Bādal consult together. They determine to meet deceit with deceit. They will deal with the Emperor as he has done with them (668). They prepare 1,600 covered litters, and fill them with knights. They prepare one special litter to represent that of Padmāvatī, in which sits concealed a smith. They adorn it, and surround it with maidens with waving chowries. They cover the litters with jewelled covers. They accompany the litters, proclaiming that Padmāvatī is travelling. ‘The Queen is going to release the king, offering herself as a hostage. Thirty thousand horses is she taking, and sixteen hundred litters’ (669).

Gorā goes to the jailor in whose charge the king is. He gives him 10 lākhs of rupees as a bribe and flatters him. ‘I supplicate the

Emperor. Padmāvati is come, saying, "I am come humbly to Delhi with the keys of Citaur." She begs, that as she has the keys of the treasury with her, she may obtain permission to see the king for one hour, to make over the keys to him. She will then present herself to the Emperor in the palace.' The jailor, when he sees the bribe, becomes like water. Reflections on the effect on the moral character of taking bribes (670). Under the influence of the bribe the jailor omits to examine the litters. He goes to the Emperor, and says, 'O sun of the earth, the moon hath come, and all the planets and stars with her in 1,600 litters. Padmāvati has come with the keys of the treasury of Citaur. She begs, with folded hands, that she may make them over to the king, for one hour. She begs that she may first see her husband, and then she will come into thy female apartments' (671). The Emperor gives the order to allow one hour's interview, and the royal litter goes in to the king with the others. The smith who is inside disguised as Padmāvati gets out, cuts the king's fetters and makes obeisance. Fury rises in the king's heart as he is made free. He leaps on to a horse and roars like a lion. Gōrā and Bādal grasp their swords, and the other knights mounting their horses all stand ready. Each considers himself devoted to death and slays his thousands. News of the trick, and that they have cut their way out, is brought to the Emperor (672). They take the king off to Citaur. They are pursued by the Emperor with an immense army. Gōrā says to Bādal, 'One eclipse is over, another is about to commence. See the immense army.' Bādal replies, 'Do thou accompany the flight of the king, and I will stay behind and meet the Emperor's troops. I would play a game of polo with the Emperor, and do it alone. I will earn my name of Bādal, when I carry off the ball from the field' (673). Gōrā insists on Bādal accompanying the king, while he stays behind. He is old, what regret will there be for his death. He keeps a thousand knights with him, and sends the others with Bādal, and the King. He awaits with his thousand men, the onset of the Emperor (674). The game of polo begins in right earnest. Poetical comparison of the game of polo to the sport of a woman's love (675). Gōrā roars a challenge in the battle (676). The battle. The charge of Gōrā and his companions (677). The thousand knights are slaughtered one by one. 'Not one turns his bridle, all their wounds are in front; as one falls another presses forward to die in his place. Finally they are all killed, and Gōrā alone remains alive (678). Gōrā sees that all his companions are dead, and knows that his fate is at hand. He flings himself furiously into the battle, one against thousands, but does not die. He fights desperately. The Emperor orders him to be taken alive without delay,

for Ratna Sēna is escaping (680). The Turks call upon him to surrender. He replies not. He looks upon his death as certain, and refuses to be taken alive. No one captures a lion alive. When he is dead they may drag him as they will. He is determined to cover Ratna's retreat (681). Sur'jā,¹ the wrestler, attacks him, with Mīr Ḥamza, 'Alī, Ayūb and Tāyā, the general who had conquered Landhaur. Gōrā is struck in the belly with a javelin, and as it is withdrawn his bowels fall out. A bard exclaims, 'Well done, Prince. Carry thy entrails on thy shoulder that thy horse may not tread on them'² (682). Gōrā cries, 'It is the end, I must fall to the earth. It is the end, and my head must roll in the dust.'—He rushes upon Sur'jā, who again wounds him with a javelin, while Gōrā strikes him with his sword. He strikes a second blow which Sur'jā receives on his shield, and a third which falls on his helmet (683). Sur'jā finally strikes a terrible blow and smashes Gōrā's head.³ The portents which occur at Gōrā's death. Thus Gōrā dies, and the gods bring him water, while Bādal escorts the king safely to Citaur (684).

Padmāvati's joy at hearing of her husband's release (685). The rejoicings when they meet. She worships his feet, and he kisses her head (686). Padmāvati expresses her desire to sacrifice herself for him (687). Then she addresses Bādal and praises him (688). The King tells her the horrors of his imprisonment. His only consolation was the hope of meeting her again (689). Padmāvati tells the story of her sorrow (690).

CANTO XLIV.

THE TALE OF DĒVA PĀLA.

Padmāvati continues,—'In addition to this I tell a thing that wringeth my soul. A cruel mountain of sorrow fell on me. Dēva Pāla sent a bawd, in disguise of a Brāhmaṇī, who came to me deceitfully. Her words were like poison to me. I restrained my five senses, and I repeatedly mortified myself' (691). When he hears the conduct of Dēva Pāla, a hard thorn falls into the heart of the King. He determines to seize Dēva Pāla before the Turk arrives at Citaur. He remains awake the whole night. Next morning he sets out to besiege Kam-bhal'nēr, a difficult fort to take. He has a terrible fight (692).

¹ See 527.

² This refers to an old Rāj'pūt legend. The poet is hardly responsible for it.

³ In the original the sound excellently re-echoes the sense.

CANTO XLV.

THE FIGHT WITH DĒVA PĀLA.

Dēva Pāla roars forth in the battle to Ratna, 'Let me and thee fight in single combat.' He strikes Ratna in the belly with a poisoned javelin, which pierces through his body and comes out at the back. Ratna himself strikes Dēva Pāla and cuts off his head. He then falls senseless, and loses his power of speech. He is brought home on a bed (693).

CANTO XLVI.

THE END OF THE KING.

The King dies, after making over charge of the fort to Būdal (694). Padmāvatī dons her silken *sārī* and goes forth with her beloved to the pyre. She adorns herself to become Sati (695).

CANTO XLVII.

THE SATI.

Both Nāgamatī and Padmāvatī become Satis (696). They prepare the pyre, distribute alms, circumambulate seven times, and are burnt without contortion of a single limb (697).

While they are burning with their beloved the Emperor comes and besieges the fort. He hears the fate of Ratna and Padmāvatī and throwing a handful of ashes in the air, declares that all the world is illusion. His whole army does the same, and cries, 'Until this dust falls on our tombs, the desire of the world will not be satisfied.' Then they take the fort by assault, and Būdal dies fighting in the gate.

Before the Emperor's army takes it, the women of Citaur immolate themselves, and the men all die in battle. He destroys the city, and CITAU BECAME ISLĀM (698).

'I asked the meaning of all this from learned men, and they told me that they understood it not. The fourteen continents are all in man's body. Citaur is the body, and the King is the soul. Simhala-dvīpa is the heart, and Padmāvatī is wisdom. The parrot is the *Guru*, who showeth the right way, without whom the world is void of quality, and Nāgamatī is the cares of this world, and he is saved who is not caught by her. Rāghava, the pandar, is Satan, and 'Alāu'd-din, the Emperor, is illusion. So meditate on this love-story, and let him who can understand Turkish, Arabic, Hindūī, whatever languages there are, in whatever tongue the way of love is told, all praise it (699).

‘I Muḥammad have collected and written this book. He who heareth it may gain the pangs of love. I collected and joined it with my heart’s blood, and, with the love of love, mine eyes flowed tears. Knowing this did I compose my lay, that so a mark might remain of me in this world. *Where is now that Ratna Sēna, and where that wisdom-bearing parrot? Where is that ‘Alāu’d-dīn the Emperor; and where that Rāghava who told him tales? Where is that lovely swan Padmāvatī? Naught of them hath remained, but their story. Happy is she whose fame is like unto hers. The flower may die, but its odour remaineth ever.*¹ Who hath not sold his fame in the world, and who hath not bought it? If a man read this lay and also remember me, he hath bought two-fold weight, (*i. e.*, he benefiteth himself and me) (700).

‘Muḥammad, thou art old. Thy youth is gone. Thy strength is departed and thy body is lean. Thy sight is gone and thine eyes give naught but tears. Thy teeth are gone and thy cheeks are sunken. Thy tongue is stiff and thy words are halting. Thy wisdom is gone and people call thee mad. Thy pride is gone and thy head is bent. Thine ears are gone and thou only hearest those who speak loud. The blackness of thy locks is gone, and thy head shaketh. The black bee of thy locks is gone and hath left them grey. Thy youth hath won the game and carried it off for its prize. As long as there is life, youth remaineth, but when death comes, it becometh another’s.

‘When an old man noddeth his head, it shaketh in anger on that account (that his youth is gone). Who was it that blessed me and wished that I might live to (forsooth) a good old age?’ (701).

APPENDIX I.

LIST OF FLOWERS AND TREES.

In several passages Malik Muḥammad gives long lists of names of flowering plants and of trees. Their identification has been difficult, the ordinary dictionaries having been found to be untrustworthy guides. The following is a list of most of the names which occur. The spelling of the vernacular words is only provisional, pending the fixing of a correct text.

I know nothing of botany myself, and must express my acknowledgments to Dr. Prain, of the Botanical Gardens, Sibpur, for the identifications given. The list will be found useful by future lexico-

graphers. Many of the plants named are little known, and a convenient list giving the scientific nomenclature authoritatively has long been wanted.

- Ājirī*, the common Fig, *Ficus carica*, *L.*
Amrita bēli, (?) the Black Currant, *Ribes nigrum*, *L.*
Āuna, ? *Āolū*, the Emblic Myrabolan, *Phyllanthus emblica*, *L.*
Āba, or *āma*, the Mango, *Mangifera Indica*, *L.*
Āma, see *Āba*.
Imilī, the Tamarind, *Tamarindus Indica*, *L.*
Kaṭahari, the Jack-fruit, *Artocarpus integrifolia*, *L.*
Kadamba, the Kuddum, *Anthocephalus cadamba*, *Miq.*
Kamarakha, the Averrhoa, *Averrhoa carambola*, *L.*
Karaūdā see *Rāi-karaūdā*.
Karanā, the Citron, *Citrus medica*, *L.*, var. *acida*, *Brandis*, *C. acida*, *Roxb.*
Kisimisa, the Grape Vine, *Vitis vinifera*, *L.* The same as *dākha*. A Persian form.
Kunda, the Indian Jasmine, *Jasminum pubescens*, *Willd.*
Kūjā, a kind of Rose, *Rosa Brunoniana*, *Lindl.*
Keorā, see *kētakī*.
Kētakī, or *keorā*, The Fragrant Screw-pine. *Pandanus odoratissimus*, *L.*
Kērā, the Plantain, *Musa paradisiaca*, *L.*
Kēsara, the Safflower, *Crocus sativus*, *L.*
Khajūra, the Date-palm, *Phoenix sylvestris*, *L.*
Khiranī, the *Mimusops hexandra*, *Roxb.*
Khuruhurī, the *Khurhur*, *Ficus cunia*, *Ham.*
Galagala, the Elephant Lemon, or Kumaon Lemon, *Citrus Limonum*, *L.*
Gulāla, the common Basil, see below. *Ocimum Basilicum*, *L.*
Guā, the Aroca-nut palm, *Areca catechu*, *L.* Roxburgh says this is the Bengali name of *supārī*.
Camēlī, the Arabian Jasmine, *Jasminum sambac*, *Ait.*
Campā, the Champak, *Michelia champaca*, *L.*
Ciraūjī, *Buchanania latifolia*, *Roxb.* Its kernels are used instead of the *dēśī bādāma*.
Chohārā, the Date-palm, *Phoenix dactylifera*, *L.*
Jābhīrī, the Orange Citron, *Citrus medica*, *L. var.*
Jūiphara, the Nutmeg, *Myristica officinalis*, *L. fil.*
Jāmuna, the Black Wild Plum, *Eugenia jambolana*, *L.*
Jāhī, the Spanish Jasmine. *Jasminum grandiflorum*, *L.*
Jūhī, a variety of Indian Jasmine, *Jasminum auriculatum*, *Vahl.*
Tāra, the Palmyra Palm, *Borassus flabelliformis*, *L.*
Turuñja, the Citron proper, *Citrus medica*, *L.*
Tūti, the Mulberry, *Morus Indica*, *L.*

Dākha, the Grape Vine, the Hindi name of *Kisimisa*, *Vitis vinifera*, *L.*

Dārīū, or *dārīma*, the Pomegranate, *Punica granatum*, *L.*

Nariara, the Cocoanut, *Cocos nucifera*, *L.*

Nāgēsara, the Rōse Chesnut, *Mesua ferrea*, *L.*

Nārāga, the Orange, *Citrus aurantium*, *L.*

Nimbu, see *Nīu*.

Nīu, or *nimbu*, the Sour Lime, *Citrus acida*, *Roxb.*

Newañjī or *nyañjī*, the Red Currant, *Ribes rubrum*, *L.* The name is only known in Lāhūl now-a-days.

Nyañjī, see *Newañjī*.

Bakaurī, the Abelia, *Abelia triflora*, *Br.* Most of the species are Japanese and Chinese. This one is found in the N.-W. Himālaya.

Baḍaharī, the Baḥhal, *Artocarpus lakoocha*, *Roxb.*

Badāma, the almond, not the *Terminalia catappa*, but the *Prunus Amygdalus*, *Baill.*

Bēri or *baira*, the Jujube, *Zizyphus jujuba*, *L.*

Bolasari, see *mōlasari*.

Mahuā, the Mahoowa tree, *Bassia latifolia*, *Roxb.*

Mālatī, the Clove-scented Aganosma, *Aganosma caryophyllata*, *Don.*

Mōlasari or *Bolasari*, the *Mimusops elengi*, *Linn.*

Rāi-karuūdā, the Corinda, *Carissa carandas*, *L.*

Rasa bēli, the Wax-plant, or Honey-plant, *Hoya lanceolata*, *Wall.*

Saṅghadrāu, Sorrel, *Rumex vesicarius*, *L.*

Satibaraga or *Sadubaraga*, the Marigold, *Calendula officinalis*, *L.*

Siṅgārahāra, the Weeping Nyctanthes. *Nyctanthes arbor-tristis*, *L.*

Sudarasana, the Rose-apple, *Eugenia jambos*, *L.*

Supārī, see *Guā*, the Areca-nut palm, *Areca catechu*, *L.*

Seotī, the Dog-rose, *Rosa glandulifera*, *Roxb.*

Sēu, the apple, *Pyrus malus*, *L.*

Sōmijarada, the Oleaster or Wild Olive, *Elaeagnus conferta*, *Roxb.*

Hariphāryaurī, the Indian Gooseberry, *Rhodomyrtus tomentosa*, *Wight.*

Dr. Prain continues:—

'By the bye, the majority of the names have a Pañjābī ring about them, and most of the plants that are not natives of the N.-W. Provinces are ones that come from the West (Pañjāb to Persia), or that come from the Kumoān Hills, rather low down.

'Thus, taking the flowers—

'The *kadamba*, *karanā*, *kunda*, *campā*, *jūhī*, *mālatī*, *siṅgārahāra*, and *sudarasana* might be natives of the writer's country. (But the *kadamba* may have been introduced from the Lower Provinces.)

'The *kēsara*, *camēli*, *jāhī*, *satibaraga*, are Western plants introduced before his time to Oude. (The *jāhī* may also be from Kumāon).

‘The *kadamba*, *kētakī*, *nāgēsara*, *mōlasari* (perhaps), must have been introduced from the eastward by way of the Lower Provinces.

‘The *jāhī* (see however note above), *kūjā*, *bakauri*, *rasa-bēli*, *seotī*, and *sōnījarada* are natives of N.-W. Himālaya, and, except the *jāhī*, which also comes from Afghānistān and Persiā and can stand a deal of heat, can hardly have been known to him, unless he was in the habit of going some way into the hills, for I do not feel sure that they could have been grown in the plains. At any rate, if he could grow them below, they came originally from the hills of Kumāon or Kāshmir.’

In another communication regarding the trees, Dr Prain writes: ‘The names of the oranges and lemons are interesting and fall in exactly with those known to Bonavia, in the very country in which the poet wrote.

‘You will note again the very marked Pāñjābī and Himalayan ring about the names, e.g., in the red currant, with a regular Hill name. In this case, I think that the *amṛita bēli*¹ must be the black currant. I cannot think why the author gives (in the same passage) the two names, *supārī* and *guā*, of the betel-nut. They mean exactly the same now-a-days. The name for sorrel² I do not find in any of our books, I give, however, the Latin name of sorrel. The Indian gooseberry³ has not any name quoted so far as my reading goes. I give its Latin name also. It is an exception to the rest of his fruits, for it comes from South India and Ceylon, (the only thing that is restricted to those parts in his whole list.)

‘*Gulāla* is the common basil of old-fashioned English gardens. The name is usually given, not to the green-leaved plant we know, but, to a purple-leaved form that one gets in India. By the way, the plant is generally spoken of as *gulāl tulsī*, so that the word is used as an adjective. Our basils are, of course, the Indian *tulsīs*, but, owing to our and their interest centering on different ones, they give their name, *unqualified*, to a different one from the one that is unqualified by us.

Thus:—

<i>English name.</i>	<i>Scientific name.</i>	<i>Indian name.</i>
THE BASIL.	<i>Ocimum basilicum.</i>	Gulāl tulsī.
Sacred Basil.	<i>Ocimum sanctum.</i>	TULSĪ.
Sweet Basil.	<i>Ocimum gratissimum.</i>	Rām tulsī.

Bēli is the Pāñjābī name for the black currant.

Sugkhadravū, which I had identified with the Sanskrit *Sugkhadrava*, which the dictionaries translate by ‘sorrel.’ G. A. G.

³ *Haripharyawī*, translated in all dictionaries by ‘Indian Gooseberry.’ G. A. G.

APENDIX II.

LIST OF BIRDS.

The poet also gives (stanza 29) a long list of birds. Unfortunately I know even less about them than I do about botany. I accordingly applied to an acknowledged authority, Dr. Scully. The following is condensed from the information which he very kindly gave me, together with what I have been able to make out from inquiries from natives.

Kāga, the Indian Crow, *Corvus splendens*, Viëllot.

Kōila, the Indian Cuckoo, *Eudynamys honorata*, L. According to the poet, its cry is 'kuhū, kuhū.'

Guḍurū. An Urdū glossary translates this by *pōdanā*, the Smaller Skulking Warbler, which Forbes says is *Sylvia olivacea*. Its cry is 'tuhā, tuhā.'

Papihā. Dictionaries call this the Sparrow-hawk, which is wrong. It is the Hawk-cuckoo, *Hieroccyx varius*, Vahl. It is a true cuckoo and not related to the sparrow-hawk. The poet says its cry is 'piu, piu' (beloved, beloved). The ordinary native tradition is, that it says 'pī kahā' (where is my love?) It is the 'Brain-fever Bird' of Anglo-Indians.

Parēwā, the Blue Rock Pigeon, *Columba intermedia*, Strickland.

Pāṇḍuki, a sort of family name for many species of doves. We may perhaps consider that the particular species intended is the Indian turtle dove, *Turtur meena*, Sykes. Its cry is 'a single tūhī.'

Bhīgarāja, or *Bhīmarāja*. The dictionaries wrongly call it a Shrike. It is the Racket-tailed Drongo, *Dissemurus paradiseus*, L. Sanskrit *Bhrīṅga-rāja*. It is a sort of King-crow. As the poet says, 'It speaks many languages.' It is an excellent talker.

Maharī, not identified. Its cry is *dahī, dahī*.

Mōra, the peacock, *Pavo cristatus*, L.

Sārē, not identified. Forbes gives *sārū*, a kind of bird, a species of black-bird. In the poem it is coupled with the *suā* or parroquet. The cry of both is said to be *raha-caha*, which seems to mean twittering.

Suā, see *sārē*. It is a Parrot or Parroquet. Dr. Scully says, 'In the absence of evidence tending to fix the particular species, we may take the commonest species, viz., the rose-ringed parroquet, *Palæornis torquatus*, Bodd.'

Harēwā, a v. l. for *parēwā*, above, the Gold-fronted Green Bulbul, *Phyllomis aurifrons*, Temm. It is a well-known cage-bird and a beautiful songster.

Hārila, the green pigeon, *Crocopus phœnicopterus*, Latham.



Study of Sanskrit in Ceylon—By PANDIT HARI MOHAN VIDYÁBHŪṢAṆ.

The island of Ceylon has been known to us from very early times: first, as a fabulous country inhabited by a class of men called Rákshasas, who, though civilised in arts and sciences, were yet rude in their habits of life; secondly, as a country of precious stones during the Buddhistic period; and lastly as a country occupied by a large colony from the city of Simhapura in Western Bengal, then called Ráḍha. But after the Arabs, the Portuguese and the Dutch came to trade in the East, and became the lords of the Indian Seas, the Bengalese who used to go to Ceylon, embarking at the ancient port of Tāmraliptí, the modern Tāmluk, ceased to make sea-voyages.

It is owing to this fact, that, at present, communication between Ceylon and Bengal has become a thing of the past. With the exception of a few natives of India who happen to visit Colombo on their way to Europe, the people of this country know very little of Ceylon.

At a time when the spirit of adventure awakened the dormant energy of the Indian people to action, and when the barriers raised by Hinduism against sea-voyages were removed by the enlightened spirit of Buddhism, thousands of barks used to sail from Tāmraliptí to the shores of Ceylon, (*i. e.*, Tāmraparṇí or Tāmraveni of the ancients). It was through the efforts of those merchants that the fame of the mineral wealth of Ceylon became known to the Romans and the Greeks, who had intercourse with the empire of Magadha. More than two centuries before Alexander's conquests in the East, Indian merchants from Srāvastí, the ancient capital of Oudh, used to visit Ceylon, evidence of which is now coming to light from the sacred books of the Buddhists, preserved in the Archives of the Dalai Lama at Lhasa.

Besides what can be gathered from Tibetan sources, something can be gleaned from the Kalpalatá, the Ratnamálá, and other Sanskrit works lately recovered from Tibet by Bábú Sarat Chandra Dás.

The story of Muktálatá, which has been published in the Bibliotheca Indica Series contains the following:—

ततः कदाचिद्द्विजः श्रावस्तीपुरवासिनः ।

मकराकरमुत्तीर्य विंशसहस्रीपमाययुः ॥

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कालेन सिन्धुमुत्तीर्य सम्राज्ञास्ते निजां पुरिम् ।

प्रथम्यवेद्यं तद्दृष्टं ददुर्लभं मयात्मने ॥

i. e., "Some time afterwards native merchants from Srāvastí crossed

over the sea and reached the island of Ceylon. Having resided there for some time they crossed the sea again and reached their native town; and after bowing before their Lord they gave him an account of her (*i. e.*, the princess') behaviour and handed over her letter to Him."

Mr. James D'Alwis, in his préface to the descriptive catalogue of Sanskrit, Pāli, and Singhalese literary works, observes:—"If the Orient pearls for which Ceylon has been famed from all antiquity, are still highly prized amongst the nations of the world, the intellectual pearls which Oriental scholars of many nations will be enabled to gather from Laṅkā's store-house of Literature, will not be esteemed as less precious or valuable." This remarkable passage struck me very much when I glanced over the pages of his catalogue. Being a Brāhman, I did not attach much value to the numerous Pāli and Singhalese Buddhist works which have been enumerated in it, nor did I wonder at the mineral wealth and pearls which Ceylon possessed in olden times. What struck me most was the account of the study of Sanskrit which prevailed in Ceylon during the early centuries of the Christian era.

So early as the fifth century the study of Sanskrit was considered essential for all those who passed for literati in Ceylon, and Sanskrit scholars were respected side by side with the professors of Pāli, the sacred language of the Buddhists. We are told in the Mahāvamśa that Brahmanism flourished in Ceylon for about ten centuries, till 1000 A. D. This statement is borne out by facts and also by the Sanskrit works which were written by Singhalese authors. It is also very interesting to note that while the nine gems, called *nava ratna*, adorned the court of Vikramāditya during the 6th century A. D., the Augustan age of India, there should have been a king on the throne of Ceylon, who in scholarship in Sanskrit and in versification was not less gifted than the son of Sarasvatī—the immortal Kālidāsa.

The fame of Kumāradāsa as a poet had spread far and wide, and Kālidāsa who had read one of his productions—the "*Jānakī-haraṇa*"—was so much struck with the true poetic genius of the Royal Poet of Laṅkā that he was induced to make a journey to Ceylon to meet him.

Oriental scholars have not yet been able to gather sufficient chronological information about the age of Kālidāsa to enable us to enter into a discussion on the subject. There are so many conflicting statements as to his date, that one is apt to be bewildered by them. There is a tradition in Bengal that he died in the house of a courtesan. This statement, whether true or false, is borne out by a tradition which can be gathered from Singhalese works. The learned Bhikṣu Dharmāraṃa, in the proface to his edition of the "*Jānakī-haraṇa*," gives prominence to this account. It is said that Kālidāsa struck with the wonder-

ful poetic genius of Kumáradása, undertook a long and tedious journey from Central India to meet the royal bard in his native land.

"Kumáradása who was a profound Sanskrit scholar and poet reigned nine years, and ended his life by throwing himself into the funeral pile of his friend Kálidása." The following lines from the Singhalese work called "Perakumbásirita" fully corroborate the above statement and further record the very high merits of the king as a poet:—

*Ejara Kiviṇṇa pinin Jánaki-haraṇa mahakavbendi,
Kumaradasa radu Kálidasa nam Kivindu Itā Siya divipidi.*

i. e., "The king Kumáradása who with immortal poetic felicity composed the Jánaki-haraṇa and other great epics, sacrificed his life for the great Kálidása."

An episode so interesting for the light it throws on the lives of Kumáradása and Kálidása demands our attention. The Singhalese story in brief is this:—

The king was in the habit of frequenting the house of a woman to whom he was attached. On one of these visits he wrote on the wall the two lines—

*Padmāt padmañ samudbhūtam
S'rūyate na cha drīṣyate.*

i. e., "It is heard, but not seen, that a lotus flower is produced from another lotus flower."

Under them he wrote a line offering a reward to the person who should complete the verse. Kálidása, then on a visit to the great royal bard whose poem he had seen in India, took lodgings that evening, as chance would have it, in the same house, and happening to see the lines on the wall, completed the verse by adding,—

*Bálē tava mukhāmbhojīt
Tvannetrendīvaradvayam.*

i. e., "O Maiden! from the lotus of thy face have sprung up the two blue lilies of thine eyes."

The woman to whom perhaps the poet meant the lines as a compliment, influenced by the hope of obtaining the promised reward, murdered Kálidása that night and hid his body.

When the king visited her the following morning, she demanded the reward as the writer of the couplet. But Kumáradása, detecting in them the genius of a true poet, would not believe her, but insisted on her disclosing the real author. On being threatened, the murderess confessed her crime. When the corpse of Kálidása was brought out, the king's

sorrow and consternation knew no bounds. He ordered a grand funeral in honour of the renowned poet. When the pile was lighted, the generous-hearted monarch, overwhelmed with sorrow, sprang into the fire and was soon consumed by the flames together with his brother bard. Five queens of the king instantly followed his example. According to the Singhalese custom, seven monuments were erected, and seven bô-trees planted on the spot of the cremation. This sad event appears to have happened at Mátara (or Mahátirtha), where the king is said to have resided at the time.

Within the town there is a place by the name of "Hat Bódiwata" (सप्तबोधिबट—the garden of seven bô-trees), which tradition points out as the scene of this tragedy.

In India a similar tradition prevails regarding Kálidása, who is said to have written the following verse :—

कुसुमे कुसुमोत्पत्तिः श्रूयते न च दृश्यते ।

बाबे तव मुखाम्बुजे कथमिन्द्रीवरद्वयम् ॥

i. e., "It is a mere hearsay statement, that flower begets flower, but no one has realized (the truth of it) by actually seeing it. O Maiden, how is it that I see two lilies on your lotus-face?"

It is curious that the traditions that prevailed in both countries should be substantially the same, though expressed in different words. Of the two, the Indian *śloka* is decidedly the better.

Some Oriental scholars have conjectured the date of Kálidása to be in the 6th century. That Kumáradása was a king of Ceylon in the 6th century is a historical fact, as can be gathered from the Mahāvamśa, therefore it is not improbable that the great Indian poet Kálidása was a contemporary of Kumáradása.

It is to be regretted that the original works of Kumáradása should have been lost. But quotations from his Jánakī-haraṇa are to be found in Patañjali's Mahābhāṣya, in Rájasekhara's work, in Ujjala-datta's Upādi Vṛitti, and also in Kshemendra's Auchiyaśālaṅkāra. Prof. Peterson, in his paper "On the Auchiyaśālaṅkāra of Kshemendra, with a note on the date of Patañjali," made the following remarks :—

“कुमारदासः—

अयि विजयीहि दृढोपगूहनं त्यज नवसङ्गमभौदवलम् ।

अवयकरोद्गम एव वसते वरतनु संप्रवदन्ति कुकुटाः ॥

(Kshemendra's Auchiyaśālaṅkāra.)

i. e., "By Kumáradása—

O, give up the firm (warm) embrace and leave the lover who is

timid at this first union. O beauteous Maiden! the rays of the rising sun are appearing and the cocks are crowing."

"The discovery that Kshemendra quotes this verse and assigns it to Kumārādāsa will one day, I hope, prove a valuable datum for the Mahābhāṣya itself. Unfortunately we do not yet know Kumārādāsa's own date. But the following verses by him are quoted here, as, with the present example, presenting strong internal evidence that a writer who quotes Kumārādāsa cannot have lived at the date now widely accepted for Patanjali."

Prof. Peterson again published the following note in the *Academy* for the year 1885, page 277 :—"I have lately come across a date for Kumārādāsa and the name of his book. In Jallana's 'Sūkti Muktvāli' the following verse of Rājasekhara's treats of this poet :—

जानकौहरणं कर्तुं रघुवंशे स्थिते सति ।

कविः कुमारदासश्च रावणश्च यदि ज्ञमः ॥

"i. e., 'The poet Kumārādāsa and Rāvaṇa, if any, are the only persons who can achieve the *Jānakī-haraṇa* (or Rape of Sītā) in the face of the Raghuvamśa (or unawed by the dynasty of Raghu).'

"It is clear from this that Kumārādāsa wrote his '*Jānakī-haraṇam*' after Kālidāsa."

I think, by writing 'after Kālidāsa,' Prof. Peterson meant after the "*Raghu-Vamśa*," for it is only stated in the above śloka that Kumārādāsa's "*Jānakī-haraṇa*" was a later production than the "*Raghu-Vamśa*." But it does not necessarily follow that Kumārādāsa flourished after Kālidāsa.

The '*Pada-Chandrikā*,' by Rāya-Mukṭa, a commentary on the *Amarakosha*, which is a work of the 15th century, has numerous quotations from Kumārādāsa's "*Jānakī-haraṇa*." This shows that the work was largely used in India during the 15th century.

We are told by the Singhalese historians that about the 14th century certain Dravidian kings conquered Ceylon and exterminated all the Sanskrit and Pāli works of that island; so much so that the Singhalese, after the downfall of this dynasty, had to bring all the sacred books from Burmah. It seems that Kumārādāsa's works were also destroyed at that time in Ceylon. But as the *Jānakī-haraṇa* was extant in India up to the 15th century, we may hope that it will, some day, be discovered by the Paṇḍits who are now engaged in collecting Sanskrit Manuscripts under the auspices of the Government.

In 1870 Mr. James D'Alwis, who was entrusted with the work of searching for Sanskrit and Pāli manuscripts in Ceylon, discovered a manuscript of the Singhalese *Sanna*, i. e., a literal translation of the

work, the “*Jānakī-haraṇa*.” Being himself a great scholar, he was able to appreciate its excellence. He caused a Paṇḍit to restore ten verses of the work from the said *sanna*, or Singhalese commentary.

I here quote his remarks on the poem : “The *Jānakī-haraṇa* is a very ancient and very interesting Sanskrit poem. A Singhalese *Sanna*, or literal translation of it, alone has been discovered. It is, however, possible that the original work may still be found in some nook of an old monastic library. Like all Singhalese *Sannas*, this translation quotes the words of the original in their integrity, and it is therefore not impossible to restore the words to their original poetical form; though, we confess, the manuscript in our possession requires much correction after comparison with other copies, which, we hope, may yet be found. But its restoration into metre is undoubtedly a very arduous work. Considering, however, that this poem, according to the opinion of the learned in Ceylon, is ‘not inferior to the works of Kālidāsa,’ the Indian Shakespeare, and that it may be ranked amongst the *Mahākāvya*s, or great poems, it may be well worth the trouble of some Oriental scholar in Europe to undertake the work of restoration.”

I am glad to notice here that recently Bhikshu Dharmārāma, the learned Principal of the Vidyālaṅkāra Oriental College, Ceylon, has done great service to Oriental scholarship by restoring Kumāradasa’s *Jānakī-haraṇa* into metre from the Singhalese literal paraphrase. He has collected several manuscripts of the *sanna*, and has built an edifice with the material contained in them—which, I may hope, will be found to resemble its prototype—the lost *Jānakī-haraṇa*, if found out in future. Had Mr. D’Alwis been living now, how glad he would have been to see the realization of his hopes about the work in the labours of Bhikshu Dharmārāma—twenty years later.

To enable us to form an estimate of the comparative value of the restored verses, I subjoin a transcription in Devanāgarī of the first 10 verses of the Canto IX from the present edition, side by side with those restored by Mr. D’Alwis. (See Appendix I.)

From a careful examination of the above it will be seen that the spirit of the verses given by Dharmārāma and D’Alwis is the same, though a slight alteration in the arrangement of the lines may be noticed here and there.

The occasional deviation of Dharmārāma’s śloka from those given by Mr. D’Alwis is due to the use of synonymous words. This is chiefly due to the fact that Dharmārāma had access to more correct and trustworthy manuscripts than Mr. D’Alwis had access to twenty years ago. It is also to be noted that he took greater pains than Mr. D’Alwis, as he had gleaned materials from different sources with a view to publish

the complete work of the "Jānakī-harṇa." Mr. D'Alwis had frankly confessed his inability to procure further materials, and so he was content with restoring to us only ten verses of the entire work.

It is a pity that Bhikṣu Dharmārāma should have thought it fit to publish his edition of the Jānakī-harṇa in the Singhalese character, which is not intelligible to many of us. I believe, if the production were transliterated into Roman or Devanāgarī character, it would be sure to receive the recognition it deserves at the hands of many Oriental scholars.

I beg to submit the first forty-two verses of Canto I, which I have transliterated into the Devanāgarī character. I rejoice to say that, in my humble opinion, true signs of poetic genius can be seen from the verses I have already transliterated.* (See Appendix II.)

APPENDIX I.

VERSES RESTORED BY BHIKṢU DHARMĀRĀMA.

CANTO IX.

इति प्रवृत्तस्य सुतस्य केषुचित् गतेषु मासेषु सुखेन भूपतिः ।
 पुरं प्रतस्थे वनितापरिग्रहेः त्रयं सुतानामितरत् समर्थ सः ॥ १
 कञ्चन-भारेण च श्लोक-सम्पदा पदद्वयं मञ्जरिविक्रमा पितुः ।
 ततान् पत्न्याद्विरुपेत्य विन्दुमिदं शोः प्रयाणाभिसुखी भुवः सुता ॥ २
 गुरुस्ततोऽसौ गुणपक्षवर्त्तिर्गौ मतिं समाजम्ब्र गुणैः पुरस्कृताम् ।
 अथत्यक्तां साधु जगौ गरीयसीं गिरं सतीनामुचितव्रताश्रयाम् ॥ ३
 परं प्रकर्षो वपुषः समुन्नतिगुणस्य तातो नृपतिर्नवं वयः ।
 इति स्म मा मानिनि मानमागमः पतिप्रसादोन्नतयो हि योषितः ॥ ४
 स्त्रियो न पुंसामुदयस्य साधनं त एव तद्धामविभूति-हेतवः ।
 तद्विद्वियुक्तोऽपि घनः प्रष्टुमते विना न मेघं विनसन्ति विद्युतः ॥ ५
 गतापि भर्त्रे परिकोपमायतं गिरोऽज्ञाया मा परस्वार्थदीपनोः ।
 वदन्ति मौनं हि परं प्रसादनं कुलस्त्रियो भर्तृजनस्य भर्तृने ॥ ६
 पतिव्रता वश्यमवश्यमङ्गना करोति शीलेन गुणस्पृहं पतिम् ।
 विनष्ट-चारित्र-गुणा गुणैषिणः पराभवं भर्तृरुपैति दुस्तरम् ॥ ७

* [On Dharmārāma's edition of the "Jānakī-harṇa," see Professor E. Leumann's review in the *Vienna Oriental Journal*, vol. VII, p. 226. Ed.]

अनं त्वयि व्याहृतिविस्तरेण मे कुतश्च तत् यच्चरितं त्वदाश्रयम् ।
 श्रुतिं प्रयातं जरसैव जर्जरं सहस्रधेदं हृदयं न दारयेत् ॥ ८
 अयं त्वदेकप्रवणो मनोरथो वृथाद्य दैवादपि नाम नो भवेत् ।
 इति प्रवक्तुर्जरतो निरासिरे निगृह्य कण्ठं वचनानि मन्युना ॥ ९
 उदयभासः शिखया शिखा-मणोः खजा च धम्मिल्लकिरीटदृष्टया ।
 प्रमृज्य पादौ जनकस्य जम्पती क्षयादयातामथ क्षमिताशिघौ ॥ १०

CANTO IX.

VERSES RESTORED BY MR. D'ALWIS.

इति प्रवृत्तस्य सतस्य केषुचित् गतेषु मासेषु सुखेन भूपतिः ।
 अयं सुतानामितरत् समर्प्य सः पुरं प्रतस्थे वनिता-परिग्रहे ॥ १
 नितम्भभारेण च श्लोकसम्पदा भुवः सुता मन्थरविक्रमा पितुः ।
 ततान् पादावुदविन्दुभिर्दृशोरुपेत्य पत्न्याभिमुखी प्रवृत्तये ॥ २
 गुरुस्ततोऽसौ गुणपक्षवर्त्तिनो मतिं समानम्बु गुणैः पुरस्कृताम् ।
 अपत्यकां साधु गिरं गरीयसीं जगौ सतीनामुचितव्रताश्रयाम् ॥ ३
 परं प्रकर्षो वपुषः समुन्नतिः गुणस्य तातो नृपतिर्वयो नवम् ।
 इति स्म मा मानिनि मानमागाः पतिप्रसादोन्नतयो हि योषितः ॥ ४
 स्त्रियो न पुंसामुदयस्य साधनं त एव तज्जामविभूति-हेतवः ।
 तडिहियत्तोऽपि घनः प्रवृत्तमते विना न मेघं विनसन्ति विद्युतः ॥ ५
 गिरोऽुक्तया मा परवषाद्यदीपनीः गतापि भर्त्रे परिकोपमाधतम् ।
 कुलस्त्रियो भर्तृजनस्य भर्त्सने वदन्ति मौनं हि परं प्रसाधनम् ॥ ६
 पतिव्रता वयमवश्यमङ्गना करोति शीलेन गुणस्पृहं पतिम् ।
 विनष्ट-चारित्र-गुणा गुणैर्विणः पराभवं भर्तृरुपैति दुस्तरम् ॥ ७
 अनं त्वयि व्याहृति-विस्तरेण मे श्रुतिं प्रयातं चरितं त्वदाश्रयम् ।
 न दारयेद् यज् जरसैव जर्जरं सहस्रधेदं हृदयं कुतश्च तत् ॥ ८
 अयं त्वदेकप्रवणो मनोरथो वृथाद्य दैवादपि नाम नो भवेत् ।
 इति प्रवक्तुर्वचनानि मन्युना निगृह्य कण्ठे जरतो निरासिरे ॥ ९
 उदयभासः शिखया शिखामणोः खजा च धम्मिल्लकिरीटदृष्टया ।
 प्रमृज्य पादौ जनकस्य जम्पती क्षयादयातामथ क्षमिताशिघौ ॥ १०

CANTO IX.

Translation.

1. Thus when his (eldest) son had happily spent a few months, the king got his three remaining sons married and started for his capital.

2. (The Princess) born of the earth, when about to start in the company of her husband, touched in reverence with tearful eyes the feet of her father. Her steps were graceful and slow owing to the heaviness of her heart (at the prospect of separation) and also to that of her limbs.

3. Then her father addressed his accomplished daughter in language which was (at once) instructive and also befitting the vows of purity in the fair sex ; so that she might always abide in virtue.

4. "O my daughter, being possessed of extraordinary self-respect, do not be proud of your personal charms, your high accomplishments, your royal parentage, or of your budding youth ; for the welfare of the female sex consists in the love of their husbands.

5. "The wordly success of men is not due to woman. But men are the source of the good fortune and prosperity of their wives. For there cannot be lightning without clouds, though the clouds appear charming when there is no lightning.

6. "Even when you become angry, do not use a strong word to your husband. It is said that silence is the best resource of a noble wife when she is reproved by her husband.

7. "A wife devoted to her husband by her chastity, charms a good husband. A wife who has abandoned a virtuous life, incurs the irredeemable displeasure of a virtue-loving husband.

8. "Your behaviour should be good, so that when it reaches my ear, my heart which is sore and infirm with age, may not be pained in a thousand parts.

9. "Let not this cherished hope of mine, which is centred in you, even by chance end in nothing." When the old man expressed himself in this manner, sorrow choked his throat and he could not speak any more.

10. The couple at last set out from their father's home, having bowed their head to the feet of king Janaka. The wreaths of flowers which adorned the crown of the bridegroom which was topped with glittering gems, and also the dressed locks of the bride now covered the feet of king Janaka.

APPENDIX II.

जानकी-हरणम् ।

CANTO I.

आसीदवन्यामतिभोगभारादिवोऽवतीर्णा नगरीव दिव्या ।
 क्षत्राणक्षान्प्रशमो समृद्ध्या पुरामयोध्येति पुरी परार्द्धा ॥ १
 यत्-सौध-प्रदङ्गाय-सरोज-राग-रत्नप्रभाविच्छुरितः शशाङ्कः ।
 पौराङ्गनावक्र-क्षतावमानो जगाम रोषादिव जोहितत्वम् ॥ २
 क्षत्वापि सर्वस्य मुदं समृद्ध्या हर्षाय नाभूदभिसारिकाणाम् ।
 निशासु या काञ्चन-तोरणस्य रत्नांशुभिर्भिन्न-तमिख-राशिः ॥ ३
 चीनांशुकैरभ्रनिहामुदय-प्रदङ्गायभागोपहितैर्महाणाम् ।
 विटङ्गकोटिखलितेन्दु-दृष्ट-निर्मोक्षपट्टैरिव या वभासे ॥ ४
 दिदृक्षुरन्तःसरसीमण्डलं यत् खातहंसः समुदीक्ष्य वप्रम् ।
 सस्मार नूनं दृढ-क्रौञ्च-कुञ्ज-भागच्छिरो भार्गव-भार्गाण्यम् ॥ ५
 रथ्यासु यस्यां रदिगो म्हाणामादर्शभित्तौ क्षतबन्धघाताः ।
 खविम्बमाणोक्त ततं प्रमाणं चक्रुर्मदामोदमरिद्धिपानाम् ॥ ६
 जगैकभागं सितहर्म्य-प्रदङ्गे विद्वद्य मन्देन समीरणेन ।
 दीर्घाक्षतं वान-मृणाल-शुभ्रं करोति यत्र ध्वजक्षयमभ्यम् ॥ ७
 यस्यां युवयो विहिता विधात्रा रत्नैरिवापुर्वपुषः प्रकर्षम् ।
 प्रवालश्रीर्षा वदनं सुवर्णं मुक्तामयाङ्गावयवा वहन्त्यः ॥ ८
 आलिङ्ग्य तुङ्गं वडभी-विटङ्गं विश्राणितात्मध्वनि पुष्करेषु ।
 यत्सौधकान्तेरिव संविभागं वज्रे सितं शारदमभ्यवृन्दम् ॥ ९
 प्रभा-विदृप्तिर्वितता पताका स्वासन्नजीमूतघटासु यस्याम् ।
 विद्युन्निभा काञ्चनपिङ्गरासु ततान तेषां शिखिनामुदयम् ॥ १०
 यत्र क्षतोद्धत-तामसानि रक्ताश्ल-नीलोपल-तोरणानि ।
 क्रोधप्रमोदौ विदधुर्विभाभिर्गरीजस्य भ्रमतो निशासु ॥ ११
 तत्रामवत् पंक्तिरथाभिधानो भर्ता सुवो भानुनिभः प्रभावैः ।
 क्षणान्वयैर्विभदलंघ्यमन्य-आनाद्यमानं जयमानमोजः ॥ १२

अखण्डमानो मनुजेश्वराणां मान्यो गुणघो गुणजैर्मनोज्ञैः ।
 दिशो यशोभिः शरदम्भ-शुभैश्चकार राजा रजतावदाताः ॥ १३
 जिगीषुराजावजगन्द्गोऽसौ पूर्वं विजिग्येऽन्तरितानजय्यान् ।
 द्विषः घटभ्यक्त-समस्त-शास्त्र-ज्ञानोपरद्वेन्द्रिय-वाजिवेगः ॥ १४
 तेनाजसत्वं पुरुषोत्तमेन वलिप्रतापापहृविक्त्रमेव ।
 जैलोक्य-दुर्लभ्य-सुदर्शनेन नागन्तभोगाश्रयिण्यपि तेने ॥ १५
 दण्डस्ततस्तस्य भुवं जिगीषोः कम्पं वितम्बन् विह्विताङ्गमर्हः ।
 तापैक-हेतुस्त्रिदशाधिपस्य दिशां ज्वरस्तोत्र इवाविवेश ॥ १६
 समुद्रमुल्लङ्घ्य गतस्तदीयस्तेजोऽभिधानो गुसरग्निराशिः ।
 नितान्त-सन्तापित-पूर्वकाष्ठः प्रोत्सेदयामास द्यवं कटाहे ॥ १७
 भुजङ्गमप्रार्थित-सेयवेका काक्षीगुणाकर्षित-सार्थलोका ।
 दिग्दक्षिणा कर्कश-यत्न-भोग्या वेश्येव भुक्ता नृवरेण तेन ॥ १८
 विनिर्जितोऽप्यस्य शरेण घातं कब्ध्वासुरासुप्रघसायुधस्य ।
 आत्मानमन्यैरसमानमानं मेने ममस्त्री युधि यावनेन्द्रः ॥ १९
 तेजश्चलेनाथ ऊताशनेन श्रीवासरम्भं प्रदहन् तुरष्कम् ।
 धूपैरिवासक्तगतैर्यशोभिराश्रीयमन्तं सुरभीचकार ॥ २०
 परेषु वात्यापरिहृष्टोऽस्य क्रोधाभिधानो युधि चित्रभानुः ।
 आताम्बनेज्युत-वारिवर्षैरानायि शान्तिं रिपुकाभिनीनाम् ॥ २१
 तस्यैकवाणासनभग्नशूराणोकभूमौ चरणारविन्दे ।
 आसेदतुः सर्वनरेन्द्रमौगिरत्नप्रभाजक्तकमण्डनानि ॥ २२
 लोकस्तदीये भुवि हारगौरे कीर्त्तिप्रदाने प्रविष्टम्भमाने ।
 अभिन्नकोशं कुमुदं निरीक्ष्य भुमोच चन्द्रोदयशङ्कितानि ॥ २३
 समस्तसामन्तदृपोत्तमाङ्गान्यध्यास्य तस्योन्नतवृत्ति तेजः ।
 जज्वाल चूडागतपद्मरागरागच्छटाविस्फुरणच्छलेन ॥ २४
 नरेन्द्रचन्द्रस्य यशोवितानव्योत्स्ना महीमण्डलमण्डनस्य ।
 तस्यारिगरीनयनेन्दुकान्तनिष्ठान्दहेतुर्भुवनं ततान् ॥ २५
 माता भवित्री भवतुल्यधात्र इन्द्रद्विषदुर्भर्तृनिहृदगस्य ।
 तेनोपयेमे समर्थं विदित्वा अग्नेः समक्षं विधिवद्विधेया ॥ २६
 महेन्द्रकक्षस्य मन्त्राय देव्याः स्फुरन्मयूखा सरणिर्नखानाम् ।
 पाददयान्ते जितपद्मकोशे मुक्तेव मुक्ताविततिर्विदेजे ॥ २७

जीलागतोरत्र निसर्गसिद्धा मत्तो न दन्ती मुषितो न हंसः ।
 इतीव जंघायुगलं तदीयं चक्रे तुलाकोट्यधिरोहणाणि ॥ २८
 तस्या हतं मन्मथवाणपातैः शक्यं विधातुं न निमील्य चक्षुः ।
 ऊरु विधात्रा तु हतौ कथं तावित्यास तस्यां समतेर्वितर्कः ॥ २९
 विन्माधराया नवयौवनश्री-सम्पर्कतो रुद्धिमभिप्रजन्तो ।
 इतीव बद्धा रसनागुणेन श्रोणी पुनर्द्विनिवेधहेतोः ॥ ३०
 अस्योदरस्य प्रतितुल्यशोभं नास्तीति धात्रा सुवनचयेऽपि ।
 संख्यानरेखा इव संप्रयुक्तास्तिष्ठो विरेजु वंजयः सुदत्ताः ॥ ३१
 वयःप्रकर्षादुपचीयमानस्तमदयस्योदहनश्रमेण ।
 अत्यन्तकार्श्यं वनजायताच्या मध्यं जगामेति ममैव तर्कः ॥ ३२
 अराजकेष्टा अलके विधात्रा विधीयमाने चक्षुःश्रितायात् ।
 च्युतस्य विन्दोरसितस्य मार्गरेखेव रेजे नवरोमराजिः ॥ ३३
 तस्या मुखेन्दुं कुचचक्रवाकौ यस्मान्न विस्लेषयति द्वयं नौ ।
 नायं शशी तत्प्रतितुल्यमन्यदिति स्म तर्कादिव पश्यतस्तौ ॥ ३४
 निर्जिग्यतुर्वाचमृग्यालनाशं सष्टिद्रव्यत्तं किञ्च दीर्घसूत्रम् ।
 सुस्लिष्टसन्धौ शुभविग्रहौ तौ तन्म्या सुजौ किं यदि तत्र चित्रम् ॥ ३५
 कान्तिप्रकाशं दशनच्छदेन सन्ध्याघने बद्धपदं हरन्त्याः ।
 तस्या गृहोद्यानसरोगतस्य हस्तस्य एवाम्बुबद्धस्य रागः ॥ ३६
 आसीदयं चन्द्रमसो विशेषस्तद्वक्त्रचन्द्रस्य च भासुरस्य ।
 विभक्तिं पूर्वं सकलं कुरङ्गं तस्यैव नेत्रद्वितयं द्वितीयः ॥ ३७
 कान्तिश्रिया निर्जितपद्मरागं मनोह्रगन्धं द्वयमेव शस्तम् ।
 नवप्रबुद्धं जलजं जलेषु स्थलेषु तस्या वदनारविन्दम् ॥ ३८
 इन्दोवरस्यान्तरमेतदस्या नेत्रोत्पलस्यापि यतो हिमांशोः ।
 त्विषोऽपि नैकं सहते सुखाख्यमाक्रम्य तस्यावपरं शशाङ्कम् ॥ ३९
 युग्मं भ्रुवोच्छ्रजनिष्प-पद्म-सम्पर्कभौत्वासितकोचनायाः ।
 प्रोक्षणा दूरोत्तराणं विधित्सु मध्येन तस्याविति मे वितर्कः ॥ ४०
 तत्केशपाशावजितात्मवर्हभारस्य वासः शिखिगो वनेषु ।
 कज्जां तिरश्चामपि जातु चेतश्चक्रे जगस्य स्पृशतीति शङ्काम् ॥ ४१
 दोषोऽपि यस्या सुवनचयस्य बभूव रक्तोभयनाशहेतुः ।
 अन्यापि कन्या जितसिद्धकन्या तादृग्गया तस्य बभूव देवी ॥ ४२ ॥

CANTO I.

Translation.

1. In this earth there once was a great city of the name of Ayodhyá; a city that surpassed all other cities in respect of wealth and prosperity. So prosperous (was it, that it looked) as if it had fallen down from heaven by the weight of its great wealth. It was a city which was a great resort of the Kshattriya race, as the Samí tree is the constant abode of fire.

2. The moon became radiant by the reflected refulgence of the rubies that decked the spires of the lofty edifices of that city. Nay, her (the moon's) countenance became florid through jealous wrath at the sight of the superior charms of the fair females that lived there.

3. The opulence and prosperity of that city brought joy to all, except to young maidens that sought their lovers. For the lustre that issued from the gems of the golden gates of that city dissipated darkness and made night bright as day.

4. The glowing flags of China satín, which streamed in the sky from the lofty steeples of the mansions of that city, seemed like projections chiselled out from the moon.

5. The swans that were swimming in the moat surrounding the city-wall cast wistful looks towards the lakes of the city; but out of despair, owing to the lofty walls which stood in their way, they were reminded of the exploits of Paraśu-ráma, who by his arrow cut a passage through the Mount of Krauñcha.

A brief account of Bhāskara, and of the works written, and discoveries made, by him.—BY THE LATE PAṆḌIT BĀPU DEVA ŚĀSTRÍ, C.I.E.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—The following paper was found amongst the papers of the deceased Paṇḍit after his death in 1890 and communicated to the Society, of which he was an Honorary Member, by his relations. It forms a portion of the preface to his revised edition of Mr. Wilkinson's translation of the *Golādhyāya* of the *Siddhanta Śiromaṇi*, published in the "Bibliotheca Indica," so far back as 1861. This preface was, apparently by an accident, not printed at the time, and the Paṇḍit kept it by him, and spent considerable pains over numerous and careful corrections, which he subsequently added. There seems to be no doubt that he intended to publish it on some future occasion, and there cannot be a better place for its appearance than the *Journal* of the Society of which he was so long a valued member.]

Bhāskara was born in 1036 of the *Sáliváhana* era—or in the year 1114, A. D.—Some authors mention that he was an inhabitant of Bira, a Maráṭhā village; but he himself states, at the end of his *Golādhyāya*, that his native place was near the Sahyādri, or the Western Ghāts,

and it appears to me that he was an inhabitant of Vijapura, the ancient metropolis of the Karnatik. Some say that he was a Maráthá Bráhmaṇ follower of the Yajurveda; but his method of annotating, which is still current in the Karnatik in annotating poetical works, shews that he was a Kanaṇá Bráhmaṇ of Vijapura. His father, named Maheśvara, was a very great Paṇḍit and Astronomer, and a virtuous man. He had acquired the title of *Āchārya* (Doctor) in the assembly of the Paṇḍits. •

Bhāskara studied all the sciences acquired by him with his father. It cannot be ascertained whether he or his father was patronized by any Rájá, or whether he was a rich or poor man. But it is certainly true that he was expert in science, a very great poet, and an excellent Astronomer.

In his time, Lalla's work on astronomy, called *Sishya-dhívriddhida-Tantra*, more usually styled the *Dhívriddhida* simply, was much used, as the *Siddhānta-Siromaṇi* is at present. Bhāskara first made a commentary on Lalla's work, and then wrote his own work on astronomy, called *Siddhānta-Siromaṇi*, in two parts, *Gaṇitádhya* and *Goldádhya*, composing before it two introductory works: the first on Arithmetic, called *Páṭi*, or *Lálivati*, and the second on Algebra.* He compiled his excellent work *Siddhānta-Siromaṇi* in the 36th year of his age, or 1150, A. D. Its first part, *Gaṇitádhya*, is divided into 12 chapters, viz. :—

Chapter I. Called the *Madhyagati*, which treats of the rules for finding the mean places of the planets, contains 7 sections.

Section 1. Kinds of time.

Section 2. Revolutions of the planets, &c.

Section 3. Rules for finding the *ahargana* (or onumeration of mean terrestrial days elapsed from the commencement of the Kalpa) and thence the mean places of the planets, &c.

Section 4. The dimensions of the *Brahmāṇḍa* (universe), and of the orbits of the planets, and thence the rules for finding the mean places of the planets.

Section 5. This section, called *Pratyabda-Suddhi* (the remainders of additive months at the beginning of each year), treats of rules for finding the remainders of additive months, subtractive days, &c., at the beginning of each year, the small *ahargana* (or onumeration of the days elapsed from the beginning of the current year) and thence the mean places of the planets.

Section 6. Determination of additive months and others.

Section 7. The *Deśántara* correction, &c., and conclusion of the first chapter.

* [Or *Vijagāṇita*. Both have been translated by Colebrooke,—Ed.]

Chapter II. Called the *Spashta-gati*, which treats of the rules for finding the apparent places of the planets.

Chapter III. Called the *Tripraśna*, treats of the rules for resolving questions on time, finding the positions of places and directions.

Chapter IV. Called *Parva-sāmbhava*, on the possibility of the eclipses of the sun and moon.

Chapter V. Of lunar eclipses.

Chapter VI. Of solar eclipses.

Chapter VII. Rules for finding the lengths of the shadows reflected from the planets.

Chapter VIII. On the rising and setting of the planets.

Chapter IX. On the phases of the moon and the position of the moon's cusps.

Chapter X. On the conjunction of the planets.

Chapter XI. On the conjunction of the planets with stars.

Chapter XII. Rules for finding the time at which the declinations of the sun and moon become equal.

The second part of the *Siddhanta-S'iromani*, called *Goldādhyāya* is divided into 13 chapters, with an appendix. Of this part the translation is given here.

[The translation of the *Goldādhyāya*, or Treatise on the Sphere, being now out of print, the following account of its contents is added for the sake of completeness :—

Chapter I. In praise of the advantages of the study of the sphere.

Chapter II. Questions on the general view of the sphere.

Chapter III. Cosmography, (including a refutation of the supposition that the earth is level).

Chapter IV. On the principles of the rules for finding the mean places of the planets.

Chapter V. On the principles on which the rules for finding the true places of the planets are grounded.

Chapter VI. On the construction of an Armillary Sphere.

Chapter VII. On the principles of the rules for resolving the questions on time, space, and directions.

Chapter VIII. The explanation of the cause of eclipses of the sun and moon.

Chapter IX. On the principles of the rules for finding the time of the rising and setting of the heavenly bodies.

Chapter X. On the cause of the phases of the moon.

Chapter XI. On the use of astronomical instruments, *viz.*, (1) the gnomon, (2) the vertical circle, (3) the *Phalaka* (invented by Bhāskara), (4) the *Yashṭi*, or staff, (5) the *Dhī-yantra*, or genius-instrument, (6) the self-revolving instrument, (6) the syphon.

Chapter XII. The seasons.

Chapter XIII. Useful questions,—a collection of problems. Ed.].

In this work Bhāskara has variously exposed the errors of Lalla, whose work he had formerly annotated.

We now proceed to mention the discoveries of Bhāskara.

1. He discovered that the earth has the inherent property of attracting all things around it,* and *

2. That portion of the equation of time which is due to the inclination of the ecliptic to the equinoctial.†

3. He found out the *tātkālika*, or instantaneous motion of the variable quantities—the planet's longitude, and the sine of the arc.

Bhāskara says "the difference between the longitudes of a planet found at any time on a certain day, and at the same time on the following day, is called its rough motion during that interval of time; and its *tātkālika* motion is its exact motion."

The *tātkālika*, or instantaneous motion of a planet, is the motion which it would have in a day, had its velocity at any given instant of time remained uniform. This is clear from the meaning of the term *tātkālika*, and it is plain enough to those who are acquainted with the principles of the differential calculus, that this *tātkālika* motion can be no other than the differential of the longitude of a planet. This *tātkālika* motion is determined by Bhāskara in the following manner.‡

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Now, the term *tātkālika* applied by Bhāskara to the velocity of a planet, and his method of determining it, correspond exactly to the differential of the longitude of a planet and the way for finding it. Hence it is plain that Bhāskara was fully acquainted with the principle of the differential calculus.§ The subject, however, was only inci-

* [Siddhanta-S'iromaṇi. Chap. III, 6.—Ed.]

† [Siddhanta-S'iromaṇi. Chap. V, 16, 17.—Ed.]

‡ [The calculations given by the author are omitted, as they have already been published in J. A. S., B., Vol. XXVII, pp. 213 and ff.—Ed.]

§ [See, however, two papers by Spottiswoode in the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, Vol. XVII, p. 222 and Vol. XX, p. 345. Mr. Spottiswoode considered that the paṇḍit had overstated his case. He added 'Bhāskara undoubtedly conceived the idea of comparing the successive positions of a planet in its path, and of regarding its motion as constant during the interval, and he may be said to have had some rudimentary notion of representing the arc of a curve by means of auxiliary straight lines. But on the other hand, in the method here given, he makes no allusion to one of the most essential features of the Differential Calculus, viz., the infinitesimal magnitude of the intervals of time and space therein employed. Nor indeed is anything specifically said about the fact that the method is an approximative one.

Nevertheless, with these reservations, it must be admitted, that the penetration

mentally and briefly treated of by him, and his followers, not comprehending it fully, have hitherto neglected it entirely.

4. The ancient astronomers Lalla and others say that the difference between the mean and true motion of a planet becomes nothing when the planet reaches the point of intersection of the concentric and excentric. But Bhāskara, denying this, says that when the planet reaches the point where the transverse diameter of the concentric cuts the excentric, the difference of the mean and true motions becomes 0.*

For let p be the mean place of a planet at any time on a certain day, and p' that at the same time on the next day; and e and e' be the amounts of the equation respectively: then $p+e$ and $p'+e'$ will be the true places of the planet; $\therefore p'-p+(e'-e)$ will be the true motion of the planet; taking $p'-p$ the mean motion from this, the remainder $e'-e$ is the difference between the amounts of the equation. Thus, it is plain, that the difference between the mean and true motions of the planet is the rate of the increase or decrease of the amount of the equation. Therefore where the amount of the equation becomes greatest, the rate of its increase or decrease will be nothing; or the difference between the mean and true motions equals 0. But as the amount of the equation becomes greatest, when the planet reaches the point of the excentric cut by the transverse diameter of the concentric (see the note on verses 15, 16 and 17 of Chapter V), the rate of its increase or decrease must be nothing; that is, the difference between the mean and true motions will be nothing at the same point. This is the principle of the maxima and minima, with which, it is thus evident, Bhāskara was acquainted.

5. He ascertained that when the arc corresponding to a given sine or cosine is found from the table of sines, this will be not far from its exact value, when it is not nearly equal to 90° or 0° respectively.†

6. He discovered the method of finding the altitude of the sun, when his declination and azimuth and the latitude of the place are given. This is a problem of Spherical Trigonometry, which he first solved by two rules in the *Gunitīdhyāya*. Of these two rules, we have shown one in the note on verse 46 of the 13th Chapter of the *Goldādhyāya*, and the other is the following:—

shown by Bhāskara in his analysis, is in the highest degree remarkable; that the formula which he establishes, and his method of establishing it, bear more than a mere resemblance—they bear a strong analogy—to the corresponding process in modern mathematical astronomy; and that the majority of scientific persons will learn with surprise the existence of such a method in the writings of so distant a period, and so remote a region.' Ed.]

* [Siddhanta-S'īromani. Chap. V, 39. Ed.]

† [Siddhanta-S'īromani. Appendix. Ed.]

Multiply the equinoctial shadow by the radius and divide the product by the cosine of the azimuth. Assuming the result as an equinoctial shadow, find the sine of an assumed latitude, *i. e.*, finding the *Akshakarṇa* from this equinoctial shadow, say:—

as the *akshakarṇa*
 : the equinoctial shadow or the result
 :: the radius
 ∴ the sine of assumed latitude.

Now the sine of the sun's declination multiplied by the sine of latitude of the given place gives the sine of assumed declination.

Add the assumed declination to the assumed latitude, when the sun's declination is south; but when the declination is north, subtract it. The result will be the zenith distance of the sun.*

Demonstration. First of all he found the shadow of the gnomon, when the sun, revolving in the equinoctial, arrived at the given vertical circle, *i. e.*, when the sun has the given azimuth, as follows:—

Draw a circle on a level surface with a given radius, and draw two diameters perpendicular to each other, east and west and north and south; then, at the equinoctial day, if we place a gnomon of 12 digits on the level so that the end of its shadow fall on the centre, the distance of the gnomon's bottom from the east and west line must be equal to the equinoctial shadow of the given place. Now draw a line from the centre to the gnomon's bottom and produce it. It will meet the circumference at the distance of the complement of the azimuth from the east or west point.

Then say—

as the cosine of the azimuth
 : the radius
 :: the distance of the gnomon's bottom from the east
 and west line, *i. e.*, the equinoctial shadow
 : the gnomon's shadow.

From this shadow find its hypothenuse, then say

as the hypothenuse
 : shadow
 :: radius
 : the sine of the zenith distance when the sun is in
 the equinoctial having the same azimuth.

Call this sine the sine of assumed latitude.

Then by similar triangles—

as the sine of the latitude of the place in the plane of
 the meridian

* That is, assuming the given place of the observer to be in the northern hemisphere.

- : the sine of the assumed latitude in the plane of the vertical
- :: the sine of the sun's declination in the plane of the meridian
- : the sine of the assumed declination in the plane of the vertical.

This is the sine of the arc of the vertical circle intercepted between the equinoctial and the sun's place.

Add this arc to the assumed latitude, or to the arc of the vertical circle from the zenith to the equinoctial when the declination is south; but when it is north subtract the arc, the result will be the zenith distance of the sun. Hence the rule.

Then he says that if the complement of the sun's azimuth be less than his amplitude, when he is in the northern hemisphere, the vertical circle will cut the diurnal circle in two points above the horizon. Hence on the same day the sun will enter the same vertical circle at two different times, and therefore the sun's zenith distance will admit of two different values. Bhāskara determined these two values thus:—

Subtract the assumed latitude above found from 180° . The remainder will be the second value of the assumed latitude. Then from these two values of the assumed latitude find the two different values of the zenith distance.* The reason is very plain.

7. The ancient astronomers, Lalla, Śrīpati, &c., erroneously used the versed sine and radius in finding the *valana* or variation (of the ecliptic). Bhāskara himself refuted their rules variously, and used the right sine and the cosine of declination in the place of the versed sine and the radius respectively (see the last portion following the 29th verse of the 8th chapter of the *Goldhdyā*).

8. It is stated in the *Sūryasiddhānta* and other ancient astronomical works, that the end of the gnomonical shadow revolves in the circumference of a circle, which Bhāskara boldly refuted.

Besides the above Bhāskara discovered many other matters which are not so important as to deserve mention here. He wrote an annotation called *Vāsanābhāṣya* on his work himself, the style of which is very good and plain. Before he wrote this commentary, he composed two other works,—one a *Karaṇa** and the other called *Sarvatobhadra-yantra*, to find the hour of the day. Both of these works are now extant. He wrote another *Karaṇa* in the 69th year of his age, which is now very common. It appears, therefore, that Bhāskara lived to the age of more than 69 years. After him, no great astronomer has appeared among the Hindús up to the present time.

* A treatise on astronomical calculation, where the epoch is taken from the commencement of the work.

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[For Nos. I and II of this series, see this *Journal*, Vol. LVIII, Part I of 1889, p. 30, and Vol. LIX, Part I, for 1890, p. 169. Compare also Vol. LII, Part I for 1883, p. 211.]

In the course of examining coins that are submitted to me under the Treasure Trove Act, I have come across some that deserve a fuller description than I could give them in my Reports to the Government.

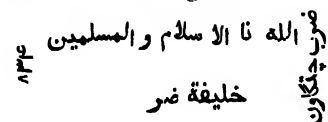
(A) COINS OF THE INDEPENDENT SULTANS OF BENGAL.

Towards the end of 1891 I received a lot of coins from Sibságar in Assam. Among them there were 38 coins of the Independent Sultáns of Bengal. In July 1892 I received another set of 28 coins of the same Sultáns from Bhágalpur. Reports on both finds are published in the Society's *Proceedings* for August 1893. Among these coins I found the following new types or new varieties of known types.

(XXXV.) JALÁLU-D-DÍN MUHAMMAD SHÁH.

817–835 A. H. = 1414–1431 A. D.

(1) See Plate VIII, fig. 1. Now in the Indian Museum. This is merely a new variety of the coin, published by Mr. Blochmann in this *Journal*, Vol. XLIII, p. 294, pl. XIII, No. 2, and in the British Museum Catalogue, No. 87. The legends on both faces are in tughra characters.

Obv.: 

The date 834, in very large figures, is on the left,* and the mint *Chatgdon* on the right side, partly illegible. In the specimens published by W. Blochmann, the date as well as the mint is on the right side. On the British Museum specimen the mint is said to be beneath. But I doubt this; it appears to me to be the usual legend *خليفة زير*. The date and mint would be on the sides, but the coin is too badly disfigured by cuts to show them.

(2) Plate VIII, fig. 2. Now in the Indian Museum. This is another specimen of that published in the British Museum Catalogue,

* Unfortunately, owing to a knob caused by a shroff mark on the reverse, the date has not come out very clearly in the photograph. It is however, perfectly distinct on the coin itself.

No. 83, and I only publish it here, because it is in nearly perfect condition. The beginning of the name *Jalál* is lost or disfigured in every other specimen I have hitherto seen. The mint also is a curiosity; for it seems to read (left-hand margin) في الفيرزباد *fi al-Firúzábád*. The more usual form is في ابلدة فيروزباد *fi al-bildat Firúzábád*. The date is 824 (سنه ٨٢٤, bottom, margin). The whole margin reads:

ضرب هذا السكه في الفيرزباد سنه ٨٢٤

The date is in large sprawling figures.

(3) Plate VIII, fig. 3. Now in the Indian Museum. This is a new type which I do not remember having seen published anywhere. The obverse legend is new.

Obv.: in circular area:

نا الاسلام
واضر
لمسلمين
خلد ملكه

Margin: ضرب هذه السكه في (.....) سنه ٨٣٣

Rev.: lettered surface with usual legend in tughra.

The date is 83(3?); the last figure may be 3 or 4. I cannot identify the mint name; it seems to be a new mint of 7 or 8 letters, ending in *h*.

(4) Plate VIII, fig. 4. Now in the Indian Museum. This is another new type, with an entirely new kind of obverse design. It consists of a small circular centre with the legend ابد الجبار *Abdu-l-Jabbár* 'Servant of the Omnipotent.' Around is a broad inner circle and a narrow margin, both covered with arabesques. At the bottom of the margin there appears to be the date 8*5 (825 or 835), now partly obliterated by a shroff-mark.

The reverse has the usual legend in tughra, as, e.g., in the British Museum Catalogue, No 33.

(XXXVII.) NAŚIRU-D-DÍN MAḤMÚD SHÁH.

846-864 A. H. = 1442-1459 A. D.

This Sultán struck a very great variety of coins. Mr. Blochmann has published nine different kinds in this *Journal*, Vol. LXIII, p. 295 and Vol. XLIV, pp. 288, 289, Pl. XI, Nos. 2-9. I myself have published eleven other varieties in this *Journal*, Vol. LII, pp. 217-219, Pl. XVI, Nos. 1-8 and Pl. XVII, Nos. 9-11. Here are four additional varieties.

1. Plate VIII, fig. 5. Now in the Indian Museum. This is a new variety of the same type to which "Col. Hyde's" coin, published by Mr. Blochmann in this *Journal*, Vol. XLIII, p. 295, belongs. The

peculiarity of this type is that both its margins are not filled with legends, but with various ornamental markings. The present coin differs from Col. Hyde's in showing on the reverse the "kunya" *Abul Mujáhid*, and bearing no date. There are also some other slight differences in the arrangement of the lettering and in the ornamental markings.

Obverse : in circular area :—

المؤيد
بتأييد الرحمن
خليفة الله
واهان
بالحجج لبر

Margin : ornamental scrolls.

Reverse : in circular area :

الدنيا
ناصر و لدين
ابوالمجاهد محمود
شاه السلطان

Margin : ornamental scrolls.

There is neither mint nor date.

2. Plate VIII, fig. 6. Now in the Indian Museum. This is merely another die of the same variety of coin, which has been published by Mr. Blochmann in this *Journal*, Vol. XLIV, p. 289, Pl. XI, No. 9, and by myself in Vol. LII, p. 218, Pl. XVII, No. 9. I publish it for three reasons. In the first place, because it is in very good condition and shows plainly the "kunya" *Abul Mujáhid*. In the second place, because it gives a new date; and in the third place, because it shows that my description given in Vol. LII, p. 219 is wrong. The obverse legend is not (as I then thought, being misled by the bad condition of the coin) distributed over area and margin, but area and margin have, each, their own distinct legend.

Obv. : in circular area :

نا الاسك
واضرم
لمسلمين
خلد ملكه

Obv. margin :

ضرب هذه الاسكة
في (.....) سنة ٨٤٢

Rev. : in circular area, within
ornamental margin :

الدنيا
ناصر
والدين ابو
المجاهد
محمود شاه
السلطان

The date (just above of *Nádir*) is 842. This is noticeable. The earliest proved date, hitherto known, of Maḥmúd Sháh was 846, and he reigned up to 864. Native historians give him 27 years (or even

32) of reign. Accordingly his reign should have commenced in 638. Mr. Blochmann, after discussing the subject (Vol. XLII, p. 269), adds: "We require, therefore, more evidence to fix the beginning of Maḥmūd's reign." Here, then, we have evidence carrying that Sultān's reign back to 842.

The mint name I am unable to read satisfactorily, but it is apparently the same as that above on No. 3 of Jalālu-d-dīn Muḥammad Shāh. The first part, here, might be *al-Balad*; though, perhaps, the name is only a very crude way of writing *Fīrūzābād*; compare the appearance of the latter name on No. 3, below.

There were five specimens of this coin. One has no date; another has 843; on the remaining two the unit figure is not distinctly legible, it may be 1 or 2 or 3. The specimen dated 843 is now in the British Museum. The undated specimen seems to be of the Mu'azzimābād mint.

3. Plate VIII, fig. 7. Now in my own cabinet. This is a new type.

Obv.: area in indented quatrefoil:

نا الاسلا
واصرم
لمسلمين
خلد ملكه

Obv.: margin in sections:

upper left: ضرب هذو
lower „: السكه في
lower right: فيروزباد سنه
upper „: ٨٤٣

Rev.: in circular area within ornamental border:

الدينيا
ناصر
والدين ابو
المجاهد محمود
شاه السلطان

No marginal legend.

It may be noticed that this is again a coin of the *Abul Mujaḥhid* type, and that the date is another early one of 843.

There were seven specimens of this coin; all, except two, dated 843. On the remaining two the date is lost. One of them is now in the Indian Museum, Calcutta; another, in the British Museum.

4. Plate VIII, fig. 8. Now in the Indian Museum; the only specimen of this kind in the find. It is apparently a duplicate of the coin published by me in this *Journal*, Vol. LII, p. 218, Pl. XVI, No. 4, but it is in much better preservation, showing all the peculiarities of this type of coin.

Obv.: in circular area,
within ornamental margin:

عوث الاسلام
ملكة
والمسلمين خلد
في فيروز آباد ٨٥٨

Rev.: in oblong double-lined toothed
area, within a circle surrounded
by dots:

الدنيا والد ابوالمظفر
ناصرين
محمود شاه [لسطان]

The toothed or fringe-like orna-
mentation is peculiar.

The date 858 is distinct. The mint *Firúzábád* is probable.

I wish to draw attention to two points:—

Firstly, these new coins carry Násiru-d-dín Maḥmúd Sháh's rule back to the years 843 and 842. The end of his reign is well ascertained to have been in 864, by Bárbak Sháh's inscription of 865 and Maḥmúd's own coin of 864 (*Journal* LII, p. 216, No. 8b). This gives Maḥmúd Sháh a reign of, at least, 23 years, and goes some way in support of the statement of the native historians. Some of them say, that he reigned 32 years, others, that he reigned "not more than 27" years. These conflicting statements are susceptible of a not improbable explanation. Giving Maḥmúd Sháh 32 years, his reign would have commenced in 833. Mr. Blochmann (*Journal*, Vol. XLII, p. 268) shows with great probability, that Shamsu-d-dín Aḥmad Sháh's reign must have commenced in 834 or thereabouts. He was the third member of an usurping Hindú dynasty, and the native historians relate, that he was so cruel and tyrannical that Násir Sháh (afterwards Maḥmúd Sháh), a descendant of the old Muhammadan dynasty of Ilyás Sháh, with the support of the old party, set up an opposition reign. What happened, I suppose then, was this: Aḥmad Sháh succeeded in 832; soon afterwards, in 833, Maḥmúd Sháh set up his counter-reign; Aḥmad certainly lived to 836, as shown by one of his coins (see this *Journal*, Vol. XLII, p. 268, and Brit. Mus. Cat., No. 88), and he probably lived to 838, in which year accordingly Maḥmúd Sháh become sole and undisputed ruler of Bengal. Counting Maḥmúd's reign from 833, we obtain a total of 32 years, but counting from 838, a total of 27 years.

Secondly, in this *Journal*, Vol. LII, pp. 212–216, I have fully proved, that Maḥmúd Sháh I made use of the two kunyats, *Abul Muẓaffar* as well as *Abul Mujáhid*. I gave another proof of the use of two kunyats in *Journal*, Vol. LIX, p. 167. The coins I now publish add further proof, if any were needed. In the British Museum Catalogue published in 1885, I see, there are two coins still ascribed to Násiru-d-dín Maḥmúd Sháh II (Nos. 103, 104), following herein Mr. Blochmann, who in 1873

(*Journal*, Vol. XLII, p. 289) first ascribed that type of coin to Maḥmūd II. The only reason for this determination, given in the British Museum Catalogue (p. 42, footnote), is that this type of coin gives the kunyat *Abul Mujāhid*, which is said to distinguish Maḥmūd II from Maḥmūd I and Maḥmūd III, both of whom use the kunyat *Abul Muẓaffar*. I proved, already in 1883, that this reason was worthless; for Maḥmūd II uses both *Abul Mujāhid* and *Abul Muẓaffar*. Now the coin, British Museum Catalogue No. 104, is not dated, and therefore there is just a possibility that it may be a coin of Maḥmūd II (who, however, was a mere child and only reigned for six months); but there is no argument in support of that possibility, and the probabilities are all in favour of Maḥmūd I. He coined a great variety of types, and the style of the reverse of that No. 104 reminds one of the very similar style of Maḥmūd I's son and successor Bārbak Shāh in his coin (Br. M. Cat.) No. 90. For my part, therefore, I prefer to ascribe the coin No. 104 (Br. M. Cat.) to Maḥmūd I, until dated coins of Maḥmūd II are found to prove the contrary. For another striking instance of the use of two different kunyats see below under Shamsu-d-dīn Muẓaffar Shāh.

(XXXIX.) SHAMSU-D-DĪN YŪSAF SHĀH.

879-886 A. H. = 1474-1481 A. D.

(1) Plate VIII, fig. 9. Now in the Indian Museum. Only one coin of this type was found. It is an entirely new type.

Obverse: divided by four intersecting lines, so as to form a central square, with four exterior segments, the centre square itself being divided by a horizontal line into two equal oblong compartments. Thus:—

	على المرتضى	
[عبد]	لا اله الا الله	[يحيى]
[المنان]	محمد رسول الله	[ابن]
	[محمد بن احمد]	

The two central compartments contain the creed; the four segments, the names of the four Imāms, of which, however, only 'Alī's name is fully legible in the top segment.

The Reverse is divided into four parallel compartments by three horizontal lines. The legend is as follows:—

الدنيا الد
شمس وین
—————
لمظفر يوسف
ابو شاه السلطان
—————
بارکشاہ السلطان محمود
—————
[شاه] [السلطان]

There is no mint name and date on the coin, so far as I can see.

(2) Plate VIII, fig. 10. Now in the Indian Museum. Only one coin of this kind was found.

Obv.: in circular area:
The Creed.
Below: Mint and date
illegible.

Rev.: in lozenge area:

نیا
الد و ا
شمس لدین
ابو المظفر يوسف شاه
السلطان ابن بارکشاہ
السلطان ابن محمود
شاه السلطان

The marginal segments of the reverse are too much abraded to distinguish whether they bore any legends or merely ornamental scrolls; probably the latter.

(3) Plate VIII, fig. 11. Now in the Indian Museum; only one coin of this kind.

Obv. in circular area:

لا اله
الله محمد
رسول الله

Rev.: lettered surface:

(الدنيا والدین)
شمس سف
ابو المچاهد دو
شاه ابن بارکشاہ ابن
(محمود شاه السلطان)

There appears to have been no mint or date on this coin; at least I can discover no space for them.

What is particularly noteworthy, however, is that here we have again further evidence of the use, by the same king, of the two kunyats

Abul Muzaffar and *Abul Mujáhid*. The usual kunyat of Yúsuf Sháh, on coins and in inscriptions, is *Abul Muzaffar*; but on the present coin it is *Abul Mujáhid*.

(XLI) JALÁLU-D-DÍN FAÍH SHÁH.

886-892 A. H. = 1481-1486 A. D.

1. Plate VIII, fig. 12. Now in the Indian Museum; only one coin of this kind. It is a new variety of the type, given in the British Museum Catalogue, No. 97. The only difference is in the arrangement of the lettering on the reverse.

Obverse:
The Creed
Below خزانة ۸۹۰
(Treasury, 890 A H)

Reverse:
السلطان (ابن)
السلطان جلال الدين
والدين ابو المظفر
(محدث) لا السلطان ابن
[محمود شاه السلطان]

2. Plate IX, fig. 13. Now in the Indian Museum; only one coin of this kind. This is a new variety of the type described in the British Museum Catalogue, No 98. The latter is not figured, but, to judge from the arrangement of the lettering, I assume it to be the same as that published by Laidlay, in this *Journal*, Vol. XV, p 329, No. 15. There the legends are in circular areas within ornamental margins. In the present coin, the arrangement is as follows:—

Obv. area,
double-lined octagon within a circle
السلطان
ابن السلطان
جلال الدين
والدين ابو
المظفر

Rev. area,
double-lined octagon within a circle:
محدث شاه
السلطان [ابن]
محمود شاه السلطان
الحميد شاه
محمود اباد ۸۸۰

The mint is clearly Muhammadábád, and the date 88*. The unit figure is unfortunately is deleted by a shroff mark.

The riddle of this coin is the correct reading of the phrase in the fourth line of the reverse. This phrase is undoubtedly the same as that which occurs in the third line of the British Museum Catalogue, No. 95, and of this *Journal*, Vol. XLII, pl. IX, No. 8. Mr. Blochmann (p. 282) read it on the latter coin as *مجدد الله القديم*. This is unques-

tionably wrong, as the letters on the coins are not so many. The British Museum Catalogue (p. 39) reads it *الحسين شاهي* *Al-Husain Sháhí*. On the coins, however, there is no letter (*s*) but the letter (*m*). The latter is distinct enough, even in the photograph of the British Museum specimen, but it is quite unmistakable on the present specimen. Accordingly I prefer to read *al-Ḥamíd Sháhí*. This phrase *al-Ḥamíd Sháhí* is probably of some historical importance. The similar phrase *al-Husainí* is found on coins of the king 'Alán-d-dín Ḥusain Sháh, where it is applied to Sayyid Ashraf, the father of Ḥusain Sháh. It distinguishes Sayyid Ashraf as belonging to the line of Ḥusain. In the present case the term *al-Ḥamíd Sháhí* is applied to Maḥmúd Sháh, the father of Faṭḥ Sháh, and distinguishes him as belonging to the guild of Ḥamíd Sháh. Now the Riyázu-s-Salatín (Bibl. Indica ed., p. 108, see also Stewart's *History of Bengal*, p. 93, and *Journal*, Vol. XLII, p. 260, footnote) relates that the king Ghiyáṣu-d-dín 'Azam Sháh was a pupil of a Shaikh Ḥamidu-d-dín of Nagor, whom he used to visit to be taught divinity. Such holy men are not uncommonly popularly called by the title of *Sháh*. Accordingly Ḥamidu-d-dín would be popularly known as Ḥamíd Sháh, and pupils of his, or men professing his guild, would be called *Ḥamíd Sháhí*. Sultán 'Azam Sháh would be known as *al-Ḥamíd Sháhí* or 'the pupil of Ḥamíd Sháh'; and this honorific epithet would be retained by his direct descendants. It would, thence, follow that, in all probability, Maḥmúd Sháh was a younger son of 'Azam Sháh, his elder brother, who succeeded 'Azam Sháh, being Ḥamzah Sháh. Maḥmúd Sháh, in the histories, is simply described as a son of one of the descendants of Ilyás Sháh; and he took possession of the throne, after the short-lived usurpation of the Hindú family of Rájá Kans, on that title of being a descendant of the old legitimate royal family. If I am correct in my combinations, this coin of Faṭḥ Sháh would thus prove that Maḥmúd was a son (if not a grandson) of 'Azam Sháh. 'Azam Sháh, probably reigned up to 799 H., and Maḥmúd Sháh's usurpation, probably (see *supra*), commenced in 833 H. He may, therefore, have very well been a younger son of 'Azam Sháh, being, at the time of his usurpation, a man of between 40 and 50 years. In fact, Maḥmúd Sháh may, in his early youth, have still known Ḥamíd Sháh, and have accompanied his father in his visits to the saint.

(XLV.) SHAMSU-D-DÍN MUZAFFAR SHÁH.

896-899 A. H. = 1490-1493 A. D.

1. Plate IX, fig. 14. Now in the Indian Museum; only one coin of this kind. It is a new variety of the type published in the British Museum Catalogue, No. 105, and by Laidlay in this *Journal*, Vol. XV,

p. 331, No. 19. There is a slight difference in the arrangement of the lettering, but the main difference is the use of the kunyat *Abul Muẓaffar* instead of the usual *Abun-Naṣar*, and in the absence of *khazānah*.

Obv. : lettered surface :

لا اله الا الله محمد
رسول الله
* * *

(8 + 8 A. H.)

Rev. : in circular area :

[الدنيا]
شمس
والدين ابو
المظفر مظفر شاه
السلطان خلد
لله ملكه و
[سلطانه]

The date, of course, must be 898. The curiosity of this coin is the kunyat *Abul Muẓaffar*. Its letters are absolutely distinct, which is more than can be said for the kunyat *Abun Naṣar*, which is usually read on his coins. I have never met with any specimen on which *Abun Naṣar* could be read with equally absolute certainty; at the same time, I admit, that the reading *Abun Naṣar* on those coins (as on Br. M. Cat., No. 105) is very probable. Any how, the kunyat *Abun Naṣar* as the usual one of *Muẓaffar Sháh* is proved by his inscriptions which uniformly give it to him (see this *Journal*, Vol. XLII, p. 290.) Here, then, we have another evidence to confirm the fact that more than one kunyat might be used by the same king. I may add that Blochmann in this *Journal*, Vol. XLIII, p. 297, footnote, affords another evidence in the fact that Aurangzib uses the two kunyats *Abuẓ Zafar* and *Abul Muẓaffar*, on his coins and in his inscriptions respectively. He calls this a "confusion" (whose?), but it is simply a well-established practice of some kings.

(B) COINS OF THE KALACHURI KINGS OF CHEDI. *

In January last, I received from the Political Agent of the Chhatisgarh Feudatory States, Raipur, 56 old coins which, on examination, turned out to be coins of some of the Kalachuri kings of Chedi. A report on them has been published in the Society's *Proceedings* for April last. These coins had been found in the Sarangarh State. In May last, I received three more Chedi coins, which had been found in the bed of the river Ang, in the state of Patna, and a report on which is published in the *Proceedings* for August last.

As these coins, as far as I know, are the first of their kind ever found, or at least have never been published, I publish them now; the more so, as in one respect I have altered my opinion published in the *Proceedings* for April last.

For information on the Kalachuri dynasty of Chedi I may refer to General Sir Alexander Cunningham's *Archæological Survey Reports*, Vol. XVII, p. 71 ff., and Professor Kielhorn's paper in the *Indian Antiquary*, Vol. XVII, pp. 135-138. On the accounts there given the subjoined genealogical list is based :—

Serial No.	Approximate date of accession.	Names of kings.	Actual dates from inscriptions.
1	1000 A. D.	Kokalla ...	
2	1030 "	Ratnarāja I ...	
3	1060 "	Prithvideva I ...	
4	1090 "	Jājalladeva I ...	1114 A. D. (866 K. S.)
5	1120 "	Ratnadeva II ...	
6	1135 "	Prithvideva II ...	1141 (893 K. S.),* 1145 (896 K. S.), 1158 A. D. (910 K. S.)
7	1160 "	Jājalladeva II ...	1167 A. D. (919 K. S.)
8	1175 "	Ratnadeva III ...	1181 A. D. (933 K. S.)
9	1185 "	Prithvideva III ...	1190 A. D. (1247 V. S.)

The following is a list of the coins that have been found :—

Serial No.	Names of kings.	Found in Sarangah State.		Found in Patna State.		Total.		Grand Total.
		large	small	large	small	large	small	
1	Jājalladeva ...	9	17	2	1	11	18	29
2	Ratnadeva ...	...	29	...	...	...	29	29
3	Prithvideva ...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59

Two of the coins are of pure gold ; viz., one large coin of Jājalla (found in the Patna State), and the large coin of Prithví Deva. All others are of mixed metal, containing gold in very varying proportions, which could only be determined by a regular assay. The other large coin of Jājalla, found in the Patna State, as well as his small coin, found there, appear to be of nearly pure gold.

In weight and size they are all practically alike ; that is, the larger coins measure 0·65, the smaller, 0·5 inches ; and the larger coins weigh 57 grains, the smaller, 15 grains. The large gold Prithví Deva weighs 59 grains, and one large Jājalla Deva of mixed metal weighs only 56 grains ; also one small Jājalla, only 14 grains.

* See *Indian Antiquary*, Vol. XX, p. 84.

In design the coins are all alike. The margin is formed by a circle of dots. On the obverse is the crude figure of some animal, and on the reverse, the legend.

The legends are the following:—

- I. Jájalla (Pl. IX, 15–19). II. Ratna Deva (Pl. IX, 20, 21.)

जौमज्जा *śrī-maj-já*

जौमद *śrī-mad-ra*

जजदेव *jalla-deva.*

जदेव *tna-deva.* .

- III. Prithví Deva (Pl. IX, fig. 22).

जौमत्प *śrī-mat-pri*

जौदेव *thvī-deva.*

The Jájalla coins of mixed metal show on the obverse of the large specimens the akshara *जा má*, on that of the small, *ज ma*. On the obverse of the gold Jájalla and the gold Prithví Deva, in the corresponding places, there is also some mark, which seems to be some akshara, it resembles the numeral figure ५ (5).

What animal the figure on the obverse represents, I do not venture to say. At first, I thought it was the 'standing figure of Hanumán, and this opinion I expressed in my report, published in the *Proceedings* for April last, p. 92. This figure can be recognized, if one takes the coin (*e. g.*, the gold Prithví Deva, Pl. VII, fig. 22) with the reverse (legend) side facing, and then turns over the obverse side, side-ways, from the right to the left. The obverse side, as then presented to the spectator, shows a crude figure of Hanumán standing, with his head turned to the left (showing profile), body to front, and feet to right; one of the two scrolls being his tail. The figure, of course, is very crude.

But I have since found, that holding the obverse side in a different position, other figures can be made out; and accordingly, I wish to withdraw, for the present, the conclusion which I drew from my recognition of the figure of Hanumán, in the April *Proceedings*, p. 93. If, instead of turning the gold Prithví Deva side-ways, from right to left, it be turned downwards from top to bottom, the obverse side, as now presented to the spectator, shows a distinct small figure of an elephant, in the lower half of the coin. His head, on the right hand side, is quite clear; his trunk is raised up and curves over; within the curve is seen one of his tusks; his body is encircled by a heavy chain (of the *howdah*); the up-turned tail is just seen on the left margin; the fore-legs are partially visible, the hind-legs are cut away. This much is very clear, but what the marks on the upper half of the coin may mean, I cannot make out, unless they can somehow be taken to represent a *howdah*. See No. 21 on Plate IX.

There is still a third possibility. Holding the obverse side, in nearly

the same position as for the elephant, it is just possible to recognize the figure of a bull (or a horse, or a lion), to the right, in the same recumbent position as seen on the so-called "Bull and Horseman" coins. See obverse of No. 15 on Plate IX. What was before the upturned trunk of the elephant, are now the fore legs of the bull turned under his body. A part of what might be the *howdah* (?) is now the head of the bull (or other animal), near the right hand margin.

I may add, that holding the coin in the position, now described, the akshara मि *má* presents itself upright, which renders it probable that this is the proper position in which the coin should be held. See No. 17 on Plate IX.

All this requires some exercise of the imagination, and I will leave it to more experienced numismatic eyes to determine the real nature of the obverse figure. Only one thing appears to me impossible: to recognize in it any figure of the goddess "Durgá, four-armed, seated to front." And in this respect, the coins of the present finds still appear to me very noteworthy. For all coins of the Kalachuri dynasty that hitherto have become known, show on the obverse the figure of Durgá, which is also said to have been "the cognizance of the Haihaya or Kalachuri Princes of Chedi."*

It is impossible to say, to which of the kings of the above given list the coins may belong. Ratna Deva and Prithví Deva, both occur three times, and Jájalla Deva occurs twice. Coins (gold, silver and copper, see *Archæological Survey Reports*, Vol. X, p. 25) of the Kalachuri king Gangeya Deva are known; so also gold coins of a Kalachuri king, Prithví Deva† (see Prinsep's *Indian Antiquities*, Vol. I, p. 292, and Thomas' *Chronicles*, No. 17, p. 19.) All these, however, are of a different type. They show, on the obverse, the figure of Durgá, seated to front. No coin of any other Kalachuri king has become known before the finds now described by me. Gangeya Deva's date is about 1120–1140 A. D. There is an inscription of his, dated in (789 K. S.) 1038 A. D.‡ He must, therefore, have been a contemporary of Ratna Deva I. General Sir Alex. Cunningham has shown (*Survey Reports*, Vol. XVII, p. 71) that a Kalachuri king Gayakarna Deva was reigning in (866 K. S., or) 1115 A. D., in the very same year as Jájalla Deva I; and that, therefore, there existed two distinct kingdoms of Chedi, the one having its capital at Tripurí, on the Narbada, in Western Chhatisgarh; the other in Ratanpur, in Northern Chhatisgarh. Gangeya Deva was a king of Western

* *Archæolog. Survey Reports*, Vol. X, p. 25.

† That this is the Kalachuri Prithví Deva, and not a Chandol king, is shown by the form of the name. The Chandol is called Prithví Varmma.

‡ *Archæolog. Survey Reports*, Vol. XXI, p. 113.

Chhatisgarh or Dahal; he is called so in one of his inscriptions (*Archæolog. Survey Reports*, Vol. XXI, p. 113). It may be suggested, that the two Chedi kingdoms had coinages of distinct types. Western Chedi had the four-armed seated Durgá, while Northern Chedi had the coins which I have described in this paper. In that case the Prithví Deva, whose coins show the Durgá device, would not be identical with any of the three Prithví Devas in the list above given, which is a list of the Ratanpur kings of Northern Chedi. He would be another king of the Tripurí dynasty, of Western Chedi.

(C) COINS OF THE SULTÁNS OF DELHI.

1. See Plate IX, fig. 23. This is a copper coin of uncertain attribution, which I discovered among the coins of the Asiatic Society of Bengal. It is clearly dated 841 H., and it shows the type current in those days in the mints of the so-called Pathán Sultáns of Delhi. Compare, *e. g.*, the small copper coins of Mubárak Sháh II (824-837), and Muḥammad Sháh IV (837-847). It bears, however, the name of Jalál Sháh. There is no Sultán of that name in the known list of the Sultáns of Delhi. Thomas, in his *Chronicles of the Pathan Kings of Delhi*, p. 375, mentions a Jalál Lodí, who was a brother of Ibráhím Lodí, and who was placed by the nobles of his own tribe of Lodí on the throne of the kingdom of Jaunpur. But Ibráhím's date is 923-937, and his brother Jalál's date is therefore too late for the present coin. The first known interference of the Lodís with the Delhi Saltanat is connected with Bahlol Lodí, the grand-father of Ibráhím Lodí and of the above-mentioned Jalál Lodí. He was nominally Governor, but virtually, master of the dependencies of Láhor and Sarhind, under the Sultán of Delhi, Muḥammad Sháh IV bin Faríd (837-847). His aid was called in by that Sultán, to relieve him from the attack of Ibráhím, king of Jaunpur. This happened before 844, the date of Ibráhím's death. Bahlol's first mention, therefore, goes back to at least 844 H. (See Thomas, *ibid.*, pp. 320, 336). It might be suggested that Jalál may have been Bahlol's father; but his father's name is given as "Málík Kálá" in Beale's *Oriental Biographical Dictionary*. I referred the question to Mr. Rodgers, who possesses an unrivalled acquaintance with the Muhammadan coins of that period; but he was not able to throw any light on Jalál Sháh's identity. The coin reads as follows:—

Obverse :

فتح الدنيا
والدين

٨٤١

Reverse :

جلال شاه
ن
سلطان

I give the obverse legend, as Mr. Rodgers reads it, though I am not fully satisfied as to its correctness.

2. See Plate IX, fig. 24. This is a rupee of Sher Sháh from my own cabinet. It is of a well-known type, but I publish it for the sake of the strange reverse legend علاءالدین 'Aláu-d-dín, which is clearly shown in the bottom segment. It appears in the place, where one usually finds Sher Sháh's name *Farídu-d-dín*. I cannot account for this anomaly, nor can Mr. Rodgers to whom I referred the coin.

(D) COINS OF THE MUGHAL EMPERORS OF DELHI.

1. See Plate IX, fig. 24. This is a square rupee from my own cabinet. The date is perfectly distinct, 1010 H., and the coin, therefore, refers itself to Akbar's reign; yet its true attribution is not without difficulties. I referred the coin to Mr. Rodgers, who informed me that there are two coins like it in the Lahore Museum and that he possesses one specimen himself. He believes that they are "Jahangír's coins with Akbar's name, struck in Bengal." He reads the legends as follows:—

Obverse :	Reverse :
The Creed.	شاه سلیم ۱۰۱۰
	اکبر
	کا بروی ضرب
	مکه
	بنگالہ

He tells me that "Akbar," "Sháh Salím" and mint "Bangálah" are plain on one of the above-mentioned three coins. Jahangír succeeded his father Akbar in 1014 H.; his earlier name was Salím Sháh, which appears on some of his early coins, for which see British Museum Catalogue, Nos. 288, 289.

2. See Plate IX, fig. 25. This is a rupee of Jahangír, of the well-known type of the months of the Ilahí years. I publish it, however, for the sake of the mint Rohtás, which is a new one. The legends run as follows:—

Obverse :	Reverse :
اکبر	ملا اسفندار الهی
شاه شاه	ضرب ۱۹ روتاس
نگیر	
نور الدین جہا	

3. See Plate IX, fig. 26. This is a new variety of the well-known type of Sháh Jahán's rupees with two straight-lined square areas. The novelty is that the square is made with double lines, resembling in this respect a certain variety of Sher Sháh's rupees, which is less rare, and a specimen of which is figured in the British Museum Catalogue, No. 544. Sháh Jahán's rupee of this variety is extremely rare. I have only heard of one other specimen, through Mr. Rodgers who informs me that he has seen it in the collection of Mr. Durkee, an American who visited India in the course of last year. The legends are the usual ones; there is, however, one peculiarity, that the Hijra date is given twice, while the Jalús year is omitted. The date is 1056, and is given in the top segment of the obverse, together with the mark of a "sword;" and it is given again in the bottom segment of the reverse with the mint Katṭak (کٹک).

POSTSCRIPT: The above was in print before I discovered that Jalál Sháh's coin (p. 243) had been already published in the Appendix to the British Museum Catalogue of "The Muhammadan States," No. 500, p. 168, among the "unidentified" coins. In a footnote, it is suggested by the author of the Catalogue that it belongs to the Gujarát group of coins, on the ground that it is "precisely similar" to the coins of Alḥmad I of Gujarát. It seems to me that the similiarity is much more striking to some of the Delhí imperial issues, and that, therefore, the prince who issued these coins was more likely to have been one who "made himself temporarily independent" from a Delhí emperor than from a Gujarát king. The facsimile of the Brit. Mus. specimen confirms Mr. Rodger's reading of the obverse legend.

On a new find of old Nepalese Manuscripts.—By PANDIT HARA PRASÁD SHÁSTRÍ.

I have been fortunate enough to obtain through the good offices of my friend Bábu Kshírod Chandra Ráy Chaudhuri, Headmaster, Chapra Zilla School, a collection of ancient Sanskrit MSS. from Nepal. They are twelve in number, eleven of which have been acquired for Government. Five of them are Buddhist works, four of which are absolutely unknown to the learned world. Six of them are Hindu works, five of which are well-known; one only being new to the world. The twelfth work was marked unknown and appeared to be in utter confusion. The great merit of the five Hindú MSS. which are already well-known, and indeed that of the whole collection, is their ancient date. The MSS. were written between 1026 and 1481 A.D.

The most important works of this collection are two; namely, a commentary on the celebrated work on Buddhist philosophy entitled *Bodhicharyávatára*, noticed by the late Rájá Rájendralál Mitra on page 47 of his work on the Nepalese Buddhist MSS. Mr. Bendall in his "Cambridge Catalogue" says that this work is the 9th Section of the well-known *Asókavadánamálá*. It is divided into 10 chapters, and is perhaps the only work in which four of the six *páramítás* have been fully explained. Though it is a part of the *Asókavadána*, it is always regarded as a separate work on account of the importance of its philosophical doctrines, which are couched—as all such doctrines are—in a language scarcely to be understood without a commentary. And such a commentary is furnished in one of the twelve works in the new collection.

The commentary is by Prajñākara who is styled *Paṇḍita. Bhikṣu*, i. e., a learned monk. Bábu Sarat Chunder Dás tells me that Prajñākara was a famous disciple of the still more famous Dípaṅkara Śrī Jñána of Vikramaśíla who introduced the reformed Buddhist faith into Tibet, where he is known as Atíshá. This is probably correct. The MS. was copied by one who, from the use of the phrase *Prajñākarapáddánám*, appears to have been Prajñākara's disciple. The work was copied in the year 198 of the Nepalese era, i. e., 1078 A.D., and Dípaṅkara's journey to Tibet is said to have been undertaken in the year 1066. Atíshá was about seventy when he was invited to Tibet, and it is quite possible that one of his young disciples wrote a running commentary on one of the most important works of Buddhist philosophy, and that it was copied by a pupil of this disciple.

As a specimen of the commentary, I subjoin an extract from page 213A to the end:—

Text अजरामरलीलानामेवं विहरतां सताम् ।

आयास्यन्त्यापदो घोराः कृत्वा मरणमयतः ॥ P. 45, a. B. 42.

Comm. अजर इत्यादि । न विद्यते जरा जीर्यता येषां तेऽजराः । न म्रियन्ते येऽमराः । तेषामजरायाममरायामिव लीला विचेष्टितं येषां ते तथोक्ताः तेषामेव मनया लीलया विहरतां निश्चितं विचरतां सतामायास्यन्ति तैकिष्यन्ति । आपदो निरन्तरं सर्वे ते दुःखहेतवो जराव्याधिविपत्तयः । घोरा अतीवभयङ्कराः कथमायास्यन्ति । कृत्वा मरणमयतः । मरणमप्रतीकारपरिहारं मृत्युमयतः पुरतः कृत्वा । एतच्छोक्तं भगवता राजाववादसूत्रे, तद्यथा, महाराज चतसृभ्यो दिग्भ्यश्चत्वारः पर्वता आगच्छेयुः दृढाः सारवन्तः अखण्डाः अच्छिन्नाः असुशिराः सुसंहताः एकप्रायाः नभःस्पृशन्तः पृथिवीशोक्षिणन्तः सर्व्वदृगकाशशालापर्यपलाशादि

सर्वसत्त्वप्राणभूतान् निमग्नन्तः तेभ्यो न सुकरं जवेन वा पलायितुं बलेन वा
 ब्रह्ममन्त्रौषधैर्वा निवर्त्तयितुं । एवमेव महाराज चत्वारि इमानि महाभयानि
 आगच्छन्ति । येषां न सुकरं जवेन पलायितुं बलेन वा ब्रह्ममन्त्रौषधैर्वा निवर्त्त-
 यितुं ; कतमानि चत्वारि जरा व्याधिर्मरणं विपत्तिश्च । जरा महाराज आग-
 च्छति यौवनप्रमथ्यमाना, व्याधिर्महाराज आगच्छति आरोग्यं प्रमग्नन्, मरणं
 महाराज आगच्छति जीवितं प्रमथ्यमानं, विपत्तिर्महाराज आगच्छति सर्व-
 सम्पत्तीः प्रमग्नन्ती । तस्माद्धेतोः । तद्यथा महाराज सिंहो मृगराजो काय-
 सम्पत्तीर्जवसम्पत्ती जातनखदंष्ट्राकरालो मृगगणमनुप्रविश्य मृगम्
 गृहीत्वा यथाकामकरणीयं करोति स च मृगराजोऽतिवर्षं .. घातमुख-
 मासाद्य विवशो भवति । एवमेव महाराज विद्वस्य मृत्युशस्त्रेणापगतमद-
 स्त्यात्राणस्याप्रतिशरणस्यापरायणस्य कर्मसु क्लिद्यमानेषु मांसशोणिते परिशु-
 व्यमाणे परिदृषितविद्वलवदनस्य करचरणविक्षेपाभियुक्तस्याकर्मिण्यस्यासमर्थस्य
 कालासिंधानकपूयमूत्रपूरीषपरिणिप्तस्य ईषज्जीवितावशेषस्य कर्मभवात्पुनर्भव
 मानम्बमानस्य यमपुरुषभयभीतस्य कालरात्रिविशगतस्य वरमाश्रासप्रश्नासेषु
 पूरकप्रमाणेष्वाकिनोऽद्वितीयस्यासहायस्य इमं लोकां जहतः परलोकमाक्रामतो
 महापथं व्रजतः महाकान्तारं प्रविशतः महागहनं समवगाहमानस्य महा-
 कान्तारं प्रपद्यमानस्य महावनेनोद्धमानस्य कर्मवायुना नीयमानस्य निमिक्ती-
 कृतां दिशं व्रजतो नान्यत्लायं नान्यच्छरणं नान्यत्परायणं .. ते धर्माधर्मो हि
 महाराज तस्मिन् समये प्राखं लयनं शरणं भवति । तद्यथा शीतार्त्ताभ्यप्रतापः,
 अग्निमध्यगतस्यापि निर्व्वापणं, उष्णार्द्रस्य वा शैत्यं, आधानं प्रतिपन्नस्य सुशी-
 तलक्ष्णोपवनं, पिपासितस्य सुशीतलं सज्जितं, बुभुक्षितस्य वा प्रणीतमन्नं, व्याधि-
 तस्य वा वैद्यौषधिपरिचारकाः, भयभीतस्य वलवन्तः सहायाः साधवः प्रतिशरणा
 भवन्तीति विलसतः । तस्मादेतत् भयपरीहारार्थं कुशलपक्षेभ्येव प्रज्ञापरिशोधितेषु
 यत्नः करणीयः ।

एवं दुःखाग्निपानां शान्तिं कुर्यामहं कदा ।

पुण्यमेघममुद्भूतैः सुखोपकरणैः स्वकैः ॥ P. 45, b. B. 42.

इदानीं जात्यादिदुःखविप्राणां दुःखापहरणाय खाश्रयमाश्रयन्नाह, एव-
 मित्यादि एवमनन्तरोक्तया गीत्या दुःखाग्निपानां दुःखान्येवापन्नः तैः स-
 न्नापितानां सत्त्वानां शान्तिं जात्यादिदुःखानलतापप्रशमनं कुर्यामहं कदा

कस्मिन् काले कुर्यां विदध्या । कथं सुखोपकरणैः स्वकैः सुखस्योप-
करणानि सुखसाधनानि वस्त्राभरणानुषेपनशयनासनप्रभृतीनि । किन्तुपाज्जि-
तैरेव नेत्यादि, स्वकैः स्वात्मौघैः मया स्वयमुपाज्जितैरित्यर्थः । किं निर्माणादि-
प्रदर्शितेनेत्याह पुण्यमेवसमुद्भूतैः । पुण्यान्वेव मेघाः सर्व्वदुःखसन्तापार्तिशमन-
सुखोपकरणशीतलवृष्टिप्रदाननिदानत्वात् । तेभ्यः समुद्भूतानि जातानि सैः ।

कदोपलभदृष्टिभ्यो देशयिष्यामि शून्यताम् ।

सम्पृत्याऽनुपलभ्येन पुण्यसम्भारमादरात् ॥ P. 45, b, B. 42.

एवमभ्युदयसम्पदि परेषां चेतो विधाय निःश्रेयसम्पदि प्रदर्शयन्नाह ।

कदेत्यादि । कदा कस्मिन् काले उपलभ्येन दृष्टिभ्यो भावग्राह्यमिच्छेभ्यो देश-
यिष्यामि प्रकाशयिष्यामि शून्यतां सर्व्वधर्म्मनिवृत्तिरूपावहारयेण । अन्यथा वि-
कल्पविषयतया परमार्थशून्यस्य शून्यताया देशयितुमशक्यत्वात् एवं निःश्रेयस-
हेतुज्ञानसम्भारनिमित्तमुपदर्शितं तत्कारणं पुण्यसम्भारनिदानमुपदर्शयन्नाह ।
पुण्येत्यादि । पुण्यस्य दानादेः सम्भारो.....दृष्टिभ्यो देशयिष्यामि
इति सम्बन्धः । आदरादिति महता । गौरवेण । संहृत्य न यदृच्छ्या केन प्रका-
रेण अनुपलभ्येन देयदायकप्रतियोग्याहकादिचितयानुपलभ्ययोगेन त्रिकोटिपरि-
मुध्यति यावत् एवमुपचितपुण्यसम्भारो बुद्धत्वाधिगमाय जायते तदेवमनेन सर्व्व-
नाशेषसंक्षोभहेतु सर्व्वसमारोपविकल्पप्रतिपक्षतया सर्व्ववैरव्यग्रप्रहानोपायत्वात्
समस्ततथागताधिगमहेतुत्वाच्च । सर्व्वदुःखोपशमोपायप्रक्षोपजायते इत्युपदर्शितं
भवतीति ।

ये गम्भीरजयावगाहनपटुप्रज्ञानिरस्तम्भमाः

संक्षोभवदानपक्षविमलज्ञानोच्छ्रिताः शूरयः ।

ते सक्तो गुणदोषयोरपि च तैः सारं विमिश्रादतो

ग्राह्यं सर्व्वमकल्पमं विषमिव त्वान्यं दुर्लभं यदि ॥

न युक्तमुक्तं किमपीह यन्मया परं प्रजातं स्वजनितं तदेव मे ।

ननु राह्वीष्यन्ति ममात्र साधवो मतिर्ममानेन ह्यतेन साम्प्रतं ॥

अपि च ।

यः संहृत्या व्रजति मनसो गोचरत्वं कथञ्चित्

तादृश्यर्थे स्वजनति न मतिः कस्य वै मादृश्यस्य ।

तत् सूक्तार्थप्रविचयवतामध्यमानोस्तिभाजाम्

दृष्ट्वा किञ्चिद्गणनमिह स्यादुपादेयबुद्धिः ॥

प्रज्ञया विवृतिं विधाय विषयव्याख्यापदैः संवृतं
सम्यक्ज्ञानविषयवृद्धिविधितयामोहशान्त्या मया ।
यत् पुण्यं समुपावर्जितं हितफलं तेनामु सर्वो जने
मङ्गुलीरिव सद्गुणैकवसतिः प्रज्ञाकरो जायतां ॥

बोधिचर्यावतारे प्रज्ञापारमितापरिच्छेदटीका समाप्ता । कतिरियं पण्डित-
भिस्तु प्रज्ञाकरपादानां ।

टीकेयं परमां सुयन्त्रितपदां शुद्धां मनोज्ञादिनीं
संसारार्थवपारगामिनि जने नौयानयात्रोपमां ।
आशुप्राप्तिकरीं जिनस्य पदवीं साद्योक्षिखित्वा मया
प्राप्तं यत् कुशलं सुसम्पदिपदं तेनास्तु बुद्धो जनः ॥
अष्टानवतिसंयुक्ते शतसन्ति वत्सरे ।
कृष्णे आवणपद्मस्थां वासरे कुजसाङ्गये ॥
श्रीमच्छुद्धदेवस्य राज्ञो विजयशालिनः ।
बोधिचर्यावतारख्यटीकालिख्यामिदं शुभं ॥
श्रीललितपुरे रम्ये श्रीमानीश्वरसंज्ञके ।
यच्छ्रीराघवनाम्नस्य विहारे सुगताशये ॥
धन्य स्यविरमिच्छोस्य बुद्धचन्द्रस्य पुस्तकं ।
तत् पुण्याद्बोधिसत्त्वत्वं लभते परमं पदं ॥ इति
विद्वज्जनु सज्जिनं घनो यथेष्टं भवतु मङ्गो वज्रशस्य संप्रयुक्तं ।
अवतु नरपतिः प्रजा विनाम्नाः भवतु रयनपतेः सुखाभिवृद्धिः ॥ इति ।
कायस्थः भुवनाकरघेय लिखितमिति ।

The commentary comes down to the end of the 9th chapter of the *Bodhicaryāvatāra*, the chapter dealing with *Prajñāpāramitā*. The first page of the MS. is missing; others are missing here and there, and the number of missing pages is about 29.

The second important work is a complete copy of the *Chāndra-vyākaraṇa* which represents one of the eight great schools of Sanskrit grammar as stated in the celebrated verse:—

ईन्द्रचन्द्रः काशकृत्पाणिश्रीशकटायनः ।

पाणिन्यमरकौनेन्द्रा जदन्त्यदादिशाब्दिकाः ॥

A complete copy of this book is a great desideratum. Mr. Bendall's catalogue of MSS. in the University Library of Cambridge mentions J. I. 32

two MSS. of this work, but both of them are incomplete. Our MS. was transcribed in the Nepal year 476 corresponding to 1356 A.D., and the palæography exactly corresponds with that of the 14th century as given in Mr. Bendall's Tables of letters and numerals. It was written at a time when all Nepal was in a state of confusion, owing to a Kosalá invasion led by Hari Singh of Simraon. The MS. was copied by Kshemendra, the principal *Āchārya* of a *Vihār* named *Yosváccha* (^p), in the reign of *Rájádhiráj-paramésvara-parama-bhattachāraka-śrī-śrī-vijaya-rāja-deva*—a king whom it is very difficult to identify. Mr. Bendall is perfectly right when he says that "the *Chandra-vyākaraṇa* follows *Pāṇini* both in style and treatment and often in actual words, many of the *Sūtras* being identical." This is also the case with many other grammars, some of which have been compiled simply to avoid the study of the cumbrous and diffuse *Pāṇini*. Mr. Bendall also says that the *Chandra-vyākaraṇa* is divided into six *adhyāyas*, each of which again is sub-divided into four *padas*, though in my MS. the 6th *adhyāya* contains 3 *padas* only.

The next work in importance is a complete copy (one leaf only missing) of the *Amara Kosha* written in the month of Chaitra in the 24th year of Govindapála Deva whose accession to the throne of Magadha in the year 1161 is known from an inscription in Vol. III of Cunningham's Archeological Report. Thus his 24th year corresponds with 1185 A.D. I have compared portions of the MS. with the printed text of Colebrooke. In the printed text there are metrical colophons at the end of every *kāṇḍa*. But the MS. has no metrical colophons. The last colophon of the MS. is simply *Liṅga-saṃgrahaḥ samáptaḥ*.

Many lines and verses, which are known in latter MSS. as interpolations, do not occur in our MS.—for instance, the synonyms of *Lakshmí* occupy two lines in ordinary MSS. and printed texts of the *Amara Kosha*, whereas our MS. has only one line; and many old pandits whom I consulted, and who in their early youth committed the whole of the work into memory, told me that the second line was always regarded as an interpolation.

The fourth work is a copy of the *Chandakauśika* by *Ārya Kshemiśvara*, dated 1331, A.D.* So the writing of this work also falls within the period of confusion in Nepal. The Sanskrit scholarship of Nepal at that time was so poor that they could not correctly ascertain the name of the work, but labelled it, in the same character in which the whole book is written, as *Harischandra-vikriya-pustakam*.

* चन्द्रेश्वर सागरै वर्षे नैपाली धनिषट्ठसरे

धोवेन्द्रदि चण्ड्यां शुद्धं नीरामदासतः ।

Five leaves, from *three* to *seven*, are missing. The book is in other respects complete, and it affords many readings which are much better than those found in the Calcutta editions of the work.

The book contains some hints about the time when it was composed in the following couplet :—

यः संनित्य प्रहसिगङ्गनामार्थ्यं चाणक्यनीतिम्
 जला नन्दान् कुटुम्बनगरं चन्द्रगुप्तो जिगाय
 कर्षाटलं भुवमुपगतानस्य तानेव हनुम्
 दीर्घपाशः सपुनरभवत् श्रीमहोपास्यदेवः ॥

Mahipála has been put down by Cunningham as the 11th king of the Pála dynasty whose reign commenced in the year 1015. But the question is who the Karṇāṭas, mentioned here, were? Are they the people of Karṇāṭa, or do they belong to the dynasty of Karṇāṭas who reigned in Mithila and Nepal for a long time in the next two centuries. On page 99, Vol. I. of South Indian Inscriptions, Dr. Hultzsch speaks of a Mahipála Deva whose dominions extended to the sea, and from whom eleven elephants were wrested by Rājendra Choṛa Deva of the Sūryavamśa, who reigned from A. D. 1022 to 1063. This is Mahipála of Magadha, who reigned from 1015 to 1040. The Pálas made extensive conquests at this period of their existence. One of their dynasty has been placed by Albiruni on the throne of Kanauj about this period, 1020. There is every probability of the Mahipála mentioned in Chanḍakaśika being the same person as the Mahipála of 1015 to 1040. He had to fight with a South Indian Prince—a Karṇāṭa. The Karṇāṭas were the enemies of Hemanta Sena the great grand-father of Ballála Sena. Hemanta retired to a place on the Bhágirathí, in Bengal, after a life-long contest with the Karṇāṭas, and his grandson, Vijaya, is said to have defeated Nánya Deva, the founder of the Karṇāṭaka dynasty of Nepal. (Epigr. Ind., Vol. I.). These reigned in Nepal for several generations (see Bendall's Catalogue) and the Maithila King under whose patronage Chanḍeśvara wrote his Smṛiti works and led his victorious armies to Nepal, also belonged to the Karṇāṭaka dynasty. (See Eggeling's Cat. I. O. L. MSS.)

The work was very popular at Mahipála's court where a nobleman named Kártika gave the author *Ārya Kshemīśvara* a large quantity of gold, silver, and land, as appears from the last verse.

वेनोद्दिष्ट प्रयोगं घनपुस्तकभट्टा नाटकशास्त्रं चर्षात्
 बलाशक्त्यारब्धेनान्दिनमहता राशयः सम्पदता

नख्य चपप्रखले भंनतु जगदिदं कार्त्तिकेयस्य कौर्त्तिः
पारे क्षौराम्बुसिन्धोरपि कवियशसा चार्द्धमपेक्षरेण ॥

A drama describing the self-sacrificing spirit of Hariśchandra cannot but be interesting to a Buddhist audience.

The fifth work is *Suddhiratnākara*, by Chandeśvara. The work has been noticed by the late Rájá Rájendralála Mitra in his *Notices of Sanskrit Manuscripts*, Vol. VII, No. 2384, as belonging to one Bhaiyálála Jhá, of Dhamdaha-grám in Purnia. The India Office Library has a very imperfect copy of the work, in which both the beginning and the end are missing. The MS. is one of the seven great works of Chandeśvara's digest. Pages 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 39, 77, and some leaves at the end, in our MS. are missing. The MS. is a much better one than the India Office copy, which is in modern Bengali characters; while ours is in ancient Bengali, and may, on palæological grounds, be referred to the 14th century.

The sixth work is *Buddha-kapála-ṭīkā*. This is a commentary on the *Buddhakapála*—a Buddhist tántric work not yet obtained. The MS. was copied by a pupil of the author—Abhayākara, a monk belonging to the Vihára of Vikramaśíla. The work is complete in 14 *paṭalas*. The name of the commentary is *Abhaya-paddhati*. On palæographical grounds the work may be referred to the palmiest days of Vikramaśíla, in the 11th and 12th centuries of the Christian era.

The seventh work is *Saṅgíta-ratnākara*, in ancient Bengali character, dated ३६२, i. e., 1481 A. D. The work is complete in three chapters, and deals with instrumental and vocal music and dancing. It has marginal notes in Nepalese handwriting. It has already been printed and published at Calcutta.

The eighth is *Samputoḍbhava*, written in Buddhist Sanskrit prose in the style of the *Prajñápirámítá*. The MS. is complete, the first two pages are slightly injured, so portions of them are mounted with paper in which the injured portions of the text have been restored in a later hand. It is a Tántric work consisting of ten chapters, each divided into three to four *prakaraṇas*. It was copied in 146 of the Newarí era, i. e., 1026 A.D.

The ninth work is *Vajraḍák-tantra*. This is a Tántrik work in 51 *paṭalas*, treating of mystic *mantras* and mystic observances. The invocation of serpents, Dákinis, dead bodies, &c., forms the chief feature of the work. The work is incomplete and breaks off with the 225th leaf.

The tenth work of the collection is a beautiful copy of the *Prajñápirámítá* in 8,000 *ślokas*. The work is on palm leaves pressed between two wooden boards, with sticks inserted through holes in place of

strings. One of the boards is besmeared with sandal paste, which has accumulated there for ages. The MS. was evidently an object of worship and as *Prajñāpāramitā* is also called *Rakshā-Bhagavatī* it appears to have been regarded as a charm for protection against evils. The MS. was copied in the 38th year of Govindapāla who is styled Gaureśvara, i. e., the year 1198 A.D. Govindapāla had certainly lost his kingdom before that time, because his kingdom is not mentioned as a *pravardhamāna-vijaya-rājya*, as usual, but as an *atīta-rājya*, i. e., that his kingdom was lost but he was living, perhaps a fugitive. Three of the MSS. belonging to the same reign have been examined by Mr. Bendall at Cambridge. In one of them, that belonging to the 38th year of this reign, occurs the word *vinashā-rājya*, showing that the kingdom was lost at that time. The word used in our MS. is *atīta*, which is the same as *vinashā*. The book was copied at Jayanagara in Magadha Maṇḍala at a Vihāra established by Rānī Khetallā Devī by Jaināchārya Śrīkamalapāla. It was a gift by a lay disciple belonging to the Mahāyāna School named Maluka (?), the son of Maharohasoshāne (?). Jayanagara at this time was a sort of second capital of Magadha. Cunningham says it was situated near Laskhmiserai. That it was a place of importance is testified by two facts: (1) by the discovery of a number of inscriptions in the 12th century character, and (2) by a number of coins in the Indian Museum, belonging to this place. The rulers of Jayanagara seem to have held a semi-independent authority under the Pālas. Govinda Pāla in this MS. is called the king of Gauḍa; this was a mere title. He had no authority in that city which was under the power of the Senas, and Lakshmaṇa Sena is said to have changed its name into Lakshmanāvātī, and one of his inscriptions is dated from Paundravardhana, which is by many and, indeed, by the late Mr. Blochmann, identified with Hazrat Paṇḍua, so near Gauḍ.

I have compared the first few leaves with the printed text of Dr. Rājendralāla Mitra, and I found them to agree perfectly. This work has not been acquired.

The eleventh MS. is a collection of Śaiva tantras. On a careful examination of the whole MS. it appears to be a collection of six Śaiva works. (1) *Sivapadma*, 12 complete chapters, (2) *Sivapadmottara*, complete in 12 chapters, (3) *Sivapadma Saṁgraha*, complete in 12 chapters, (4) *Umā Maheśvara Saṁvāda*, 21 chapters, not complete. Works of this name, belonging to the Skanda and to the Linga Purāṇas, are mentioned in Aufrecht's Catalogue, but there is no good notice of these works. (5) *Sivopanishad*, complete in eight chapters. This is different from the *Sivopanishad* by Harihar, noticed by Rājendralāla Mitra. (6) *Uttarottara Tantra*, complete in 10 chapters. The work can safely be placed on paleographic grounds in the 12th century.

The twelfth MS. is labelled as unknown. The first page is missing and the end is far away. On examination it is found that pages from 2 to 210 exist, with the exception of the 129th page. The handwriting is beautiful, much older than the rest of the collection. On examination it proved to be a portion of the *Vṛihat-kathá*, about a-tenth of the whole work. It is not Somadeva's *Kathá-Suritságara*, nor Kshemendra's *Vṛihat-Kathámañjari* because in both these works the chapters are divided into *lambakas* and *trāṅgas*, whereas in the present MS. it is divided into *adhyāyas* and *sargas*. The work contains one complete *adhyāya* and a portion of the second. It has altogether 26 *sargas*, the colophons of many of which do not give any information at all. But in some of them appear these significant words *Vṛihat-kathāyām-śloka-saṅgrāhe*. In the colophons appear the names of the *sargas*; they often contain proper names, none of which I have been able to identify either in Kshemendra's or in Somadeva's work. So this fragment appears to be a third Sanskrit redaction or version of the original *Pañśācī Vṛihat-kathá* by Guṇādhya, and the MS. which has been labelled 'unknown' by my Nepalese vendor, turns out to be the most important work of the whole collection.

The letter क in this MS. has a more archaic form than in most of the Nepalese MSS., which leads me to think that this MS. is of higher antiquity than the rest. The क has the turn of the Gupta-lipi. I may therefore be allowed to venture to say that I have laid my hands on a work copied even before Kshemendra and Somadeva wrote their works on the *Vṛihat-Kathá*. Bühler, in his paper in Vol I, Ind. Ant., says that Kshemendra had the *Pañśācī* version of Guṇādhya before him. Might not he have consulted a big Sanskrit version, too, from which to abridge? I have read the first *sarga* in my MS. It treats of king Gopāla renouncing the world, because people calumniated him as a parricide, and making over his kingdom to Pālaka, his brother, in spite of the remonstrances of the Brāhmanas. This is a very large work, the first *adhyāya* alone containing more than 4,200 *ślokas*. While Kshemendra's whole work, according to Bühler, consists of a little more than 7,000 *ślokas*. I give here the colophons of this work.

						पञ्चाङ्गाः ।
दृष्टव्यथायां श्लोकसंयहे प्रथमः सर्गः	...	...	...	...	...	५
द्वितीयः सर्गः	...	...	...	...	...	६
दृष्टव्यथायां श्लोकसंयहे कथामुखम् तृतीयम्	...	...	...	...	...	१५
पिङ्गलिकाख्यानं	...	...	...	...	...	२१
दोष्टदसम्यादनो नाम सर्गः	...	...	...	...	...	३६

पञ्चाङ्ग ।

कुमारजन्म सर्गः	...	...	...	...	...	३८
शौवराव्याभिषेकः सर्गः	...	...	...	...	...	४२
मृगयाविहारः सर्गः	...	...	...	...	...	४५
पुष्पिनदर्शनः सर्गः	...	...	...	...	...	५०
कथासंज्ञापो नाम सर्गः	...	...	...	...	...	६३
श्लोकसंग्रहे मदनमञ्जुकालाभः	...	...	...	...	...	६८
वेगवतीलाभे उद्याननिचयो नाम द्वादशः सर्गः	...	...	...	...	...	७२
वेगवतीदर्शनो नाम त्रयोदशः सर्गः	...	...	...	...	...	७५
बृहत्कथायां श्लोकसंग्रहे वेगवतीदर्शनं नाम चतुर्दशः सर्गः	...	...	...	...	...	८१
वेगवतीलाभो नाम पञ्चदशः सर्गः	...	...	...	...	...	८८
गन्धर्वदत्तालाभरम्यप्रबन्धो नाम षष्ठदशः सर्गः	...	...	...	...	...	९२
गन्धर्वदत्ताविवाहः	...	...	...	...	...	१००
बृहत्कथायां श्लोकसंग्रहे कानुदासकथा	...	...	...	...	...	१३०
इति बृहत्कथायां श्लोकसंग्रहे अजिनमतीलाभे नलिनिर्वाख्यानं	...	...	...	...	...	१३६
प्रियदर्शनलाभदेवाख्यानं	...	...	...	...	...	१६८
पुरुषकारकथायां प्रथमोऽध्यायः	...	...	...	...	...	१७४
प्रियदर्शनालाभे पुरुषकारकथा	...	...	...	...	...	१८२
प्रियदर्शनालाभे नन्दोपनन्दकथा	...	...	...	...	...	१८६
प्रियदर्शनालाभे गोमुखविवाहाख्यानम्	...	...	...	...	...	१९७
प्रियदर्शनालाभे प्रियदर्शनास्तनदर्शनः	...	...	...	...	...	२००
प्रियदर्शनविवाहः	...	...	...	...	...	२०६

Note on the Official Reckoning of the reigns of the later Moghul Emperors and on some of their Mint Towns.

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In the Philological Secretary's Report on a recent find of coins (Proceedings for June 1893, p. 116), I see that he adopts 1069 H. (Sept. 1658—Sept. 1659), as the year from which Aurangzib 'Alamgir's reign is reckoned. On grounds which I think are overwhelmingly strong, I propose to substitute 1068 H. (Sept. 1657—Sept. 1658.)

Among European writers we find considerable difference of opinion as to the year in which 'Alamgir began his reign. To mention the latest writer first, Mr. S. Lane Poole, in his "The Moghul Emperors of Hindustan" (1892), p. xxvi, says "in May 1659 (1069) he," *i.e.*, 'Alamgir, "was proclaimed Emperor." I see, however, that in his later work "Aurangzib" (1893) in the series "Rulers of India," Mr. Lane Poole dates the reign from July 1658 (see the Table on p. 21 of that work). Again, in the "Oriental Biographical Dictionary" of T. W. Beale, p. 33, we read "but ('Alamgir) was not crowned till the first anniversary of his accession, a circumstance which has introduced "some confusion into the chronology of his reign." This statement, in identical words, is found in Elphinstone's "History of India" (4th ed. p. 525), and he relies on Kháfi Khán. Grant Duff ("History of the Marhattas," Bombay reprint, note on p. 72), although he prefers 1658 (*i.e.*, 1068 H.) to 1659 as the correct year, seems to have suggested Elphinstone's remark. Grant Duff writes "Aurangzebe appears to "have begun by reckoning his reign from the date of his victory over "Dara, to have subsequently ascended the throne in the following year, "and then changed the date, which he again altered by reverting to "the former date (*i.e.*, 1068 H.) at some later and unknown period." Grant Duff, like Elphinstone, relies upon Kháfi Khán. Now, Kháfi Khán (in the printed text, at any rate) is not to be altogether trusted in the matter of chronology; but I think that in this instance Grant Duff's note misrepresents the facts, even as recorded by Kháfi Khán.

Kháfi Khán founded his statements, as is tolerably obvious, on the *Tárikh-i-dahsálah* or 'Alamgir-námah of Muḥammad Kázim, and on the *Ma,áṣir-i-'Alamgirí* of Muḥammad Sáḳi Musta'id Khán. The latter for the first ten years of the reign, is itself an abstract of Muḥammad Kázim's work (see p. 65 of the printed text of the *Ma,áṣir*). The facts, then as related in the 'Alamgir-námah, the source from which all others are drawn, are as follows:—

Muhammad Kāzīm commences the second year (1069 H.) with a long excursus on the necessity for a system of chronology and the varying modes of reckoning time, with some remarks on Akbar's Divine Era and that followed by Jahāngīr. Those two sovereigns reckoned from the 1st Farwardīn and used a solar year. He then informs us that Shāhjahān restored the use of the Muhammadan era; and that 'Alam-gīr followed his father's practice. "And although the first fortunate enthronement happened on the 1st Zú, l-ka'dh, 1068 H; yet, the effulgence of victory and success and the rising of the world-illuminating light of that founder of the horoscope of felicity and prosperity having thrown the ray of joy on the world in the month of Ramzān of their year (1068 H ?), and the appearing of the star of strength and perpetuity of that chosen one, full of splendour, having lighted up the face of Fortune and Good Luck in those days; the first day of that month of blessed omen, which was the new moon of limitless felicity and pregnant with both worldly and spiritual blessings, was chosen as the first day of the years of that reign, rich in mercies; and the exalted order obtained issue that in offices and calendars and patents and rescripts, they should make record after that manner, and reduce into writing after that fashion all occurrences and the reports of events. Accordingly, by the rule so fixed, I have to this point written with my descriptive pen the story of one year and twenty-four days belonging to the felicitous epoch of the sovereignty and empire of that One worthy of the faith-protecting throne. And previous thereto there are entered the events of four months belonging to the auspicious time of his being still only a Prince of the Blood, beginning from the day of the departure of the victorious army, intent on world-conquering and realm-seizing, from the province (Khitah) of fortunate foundation, Aurangābād, which took place on the 1st Jumādī I, 1068 H. (*in words*), ending" [*i.e.*, the said four months, Jumādī I, Jumādī II, Rajab, and Sha'bān, 1068 H.] "with the 1st of Ramzān of that year, which is the first day of the years of that reign full of happiness. Altogether the period covered is 1 year, 4 months, and 24 days. Then will follow the second year." After this passage he goes on to the festivities held to celebrate the accession, the abolition of the *Nau-roz* festival, and the substitution of another to be amalgamated with that of the 'Id-ul-fiṭr. Next, we have the appointment of a Muhtasib, or Censor, as in Muhammad Sāqī. (*'Alamgīr-nāmah*, B. M. Addl. MSS., Nos. 26, 229, foll. 102b. to 104a.) I have no copy of the printed text, and therefore cannot give references to it, but the passage can, I have no doubt, be very easily found.

Next in order of date comes Muhammad Sāqī Musta'id Khān and

his *Ma,áṣir-i-ʿĀlamgírí*. The parallel passage to that quoted above from the *ʿĀlamgír-námah* will be found on pp. 22-25 of the printed text. But I will turn first to an earlier page as it explains the circumstances of the previous enthronement in 1068 H. ʿĀlamgír determined to proceed to the Panjáb in pursuit of his brother, Dárá Shukoh. He set out from Akbarábád on the 22nd Ramzán, 1068 H. (23rd June 1658.) The astrologers having selected the 1st Zú, l-ka'dh, 1068 H. (31st July 1658), or 11th Amardád of the Iláhí year, as the auspicious moment for his enthronement, and there being no time to proceed to the palace at Dihlí and there prepare for this august act, ʿĀlamgír halted for several days at the garden of Agharábád [also called Shálíhmár, it was just north of Dihlí] to take advantage of the said propitious moment. There he seated himself on the throne of good fortune.....As the preparations for this ceremonial were on a limited scale, most of the observances of an enthronement were put off to the second anniversary (*jalás*). On this occasion no *khutbah* was read, no coinage issued, and no imperial titles fixed upon. These matters were postponed. [*Ma,áṣir-i-ʿĀlamgírí*, p. 8].

[*Idem*, pp. 22-25.] Year 1069 H. This corresponds to the extract above given from Muḥammad Kázim. "Since the ceremonial of "the first enthronement, by reason of the advance into the Punjáb and "from want of time, was on a reduced scale, while the reading of the "*khutbah*, the issue of coin, and the fixing of the imperial titles were "postponed; now that more important affairs had been arranged, orders "were issued to prepare for the festival" "And on the fortunate "day, Sunday, the 24th of the blessed month Ramzán, in the year "1069 H. (15 June 1659), or the 25th *Khurdád* of the Iláhí year, when "his age was 40 solar years, 6 months, and 17 days, or 41 lunar years, "10 months and 2 days, ʿĀlamgír seated himself on the throne." The *khutbah* was read, coin issued, offerings presented, and gifts bestowed.

The Muhammadan creed was no longer to be impressed on the coin, but, instead, a distich, composed by Mír ʿAbd-ul-Báqí, was approved. The new emperor's titles were settled; and *farmáns* issued to all provincial governors, announcing the new reign. Several chronograms for the occasion are given; these yield 1069 H. Then follow these words: "As the shining of the light of the victory diffused its felicitous rays "on the world in the month of Ramzán, the exalted order was issued "that they should record in offices and calendars the 1st of that month "as the commencement of the years of this reign." After this comes a passage about the abolition of the *Nau-ros* festival, and the institution instead of it of a festival to be called *Nishát-afroz*. It will be noticed that Muḥammad Sáqí does not expressly state the year, from the 1st

Ramzán of which the reign was dated. But neither he nor Muhammad Kázim, from whom he copies, give any countenance to a reckoning commencing with 1069 H. On p. 30 and p. 34 we find that according to Muhammad Sáqí, the third year (not the second) began in Ramzán 1070 H., the fourth year (not the third) in Ramzán 1071 H., and so on, throughout the book, to the end of the reign. For his period, the first ten years, Muhammad Kázim follows exactly the same rule. Finally, Muhammad Sáqí [*Ma,áṣir-i-'Álamgírí*, pp. 520 and 523] records that 'Álamgír died early on Friday, the 28th Zú'l-ka'dh 1118 H. (2nd March 1707), in the 51st year of his reign, having reigned 50 lunar years, 2 months, and 27 days. This accords exactly with the mode of reckoning laid down by Muhammad Kázim. For, if we calculate from the 1st Ramzán 1068 H. to the 28th Zú'l-ka'dh 1118 H., we get as result (1118y. 10m. 28d.)—(1068y. 8m. 1d.)=(50y. 2m. 27d.). Kámwar Khán, in his *Tárikh-i-Saláṭin-i-Chaghṭaiyá*, gives the same number of years, months, and days; but I attribute to him no independent authority for this reign, having found wherever I have compared the two authors, that Kámwar Khán gives Muhammad Sáqí's facts, in identical order, but in different words.

I add two more extracts from Muhammad Sáqí, as the second of them records a slight change in the observance of the anniversary, and this may have been the reason that Grant Duff thought the date of accession had been twice altered—[*Ma,áṣir 'Álamgírí*, p. 30]. Year 1070 H. The third year of the reign commences. The anniversary ceremonies begin on the 24th Ramzán (4th June 1660). [*Idem*, p. 34]. Year 1071 H. The fourth year commences. "Although the date of enthronement (*sarír-ár'áṭ*) was the 24th Ramzán, and in the previous year "the festival began on that day, yet owing to its falling in the time of "the Fast, when there is no inclination to enter into rejoicings, the beginning of this year's festival was fixed for the day of the 'Id" (i.e., 1st Shawwál). It lasted ten days.

Kháfi Khán's passage, parallel to those in Muhammad Kázim's *'Álamgír-námah*, and Muhammad Sáqí's *Ma,áṣir i 'Álamgírí*, will be found in the Bibliotheca Indica Text, Vol. II pp. 76-79. As it is translated, nearly in full, by Dowson in Elliot's *History of India*, VII, 241, I need not reproduce it here. I only note that Dowson's "4th Ramzán" is the 24th Ramzán in the printed text. Although Kháfi Khán here expands rather than contracts what Muhammad Kázim wrote, it is strange that he omits the all-important statement that the reign was made to begin on the 1st Ramzán. I have looked through the text on pp. 76-80, and I cannot find any mention of this fact. Kháfi Khán, II, 549, gives the length of the reign as 50 years, 2½ months; and even these figures, though not

strictly accurate, preclude any reckoning from 1069 H., but carry the first day into 1068 H.

Again, I find in a somewhat later writer, *Khushál Cland*, author of the *Nawádir-uz-Zamání*, the following statement. He wrote in the reign of Muḥammad Sháh (1131–1161 H.) and was old enough to recollect the excitement caused in Dili by the news of 'Alamgír's death. He himself, like his father before him, was a clerk in the Central Revenue Office, and a man likely to have, if any one had, exact knowledge on the point under discussion. His words are: "Although the first auspicious enthronement took place on the 1st of the month Zú, l-ka'dh, 1068 H. (30th July 1658), yet as the blessed rays of the brilliant light of victory and success were displayed to the world in the month of Ram-zán, the first day of that blessed month was assumed as the commencement of these years full of miracles, and the exalted order issued that in all offices, and calendars, and patents of appointment, and royal rescripts, this rule should be adopted, in opposition to that of previous sovereigns, rulers in Islám who, following the practice of Jamshíd, Kakhir (Kasrú?) and others, held Farwardín to be the most excellent month, and appointed it for the commencement of their reigns. This rule was now abrogated, and the years of the fortunate reign were appointed to be reckoned by lunar months from the month of Ramzán" [B.M. Addl. MSS. No. 24027, fol. 490b.] For this work and its author, see Elliot, VIII. 70, 71. Here he is evidently writing with Muḥammad Kázim's or Muḥammad Sáki's work before him. The 1st Ramzán, 1068 H., is equivalent to the 2nd June 1658.

We can now account for Muḥammad Sáki's statement (*Ma'áṣir-i-'Alamgírí*, 523), that 'Alamgír reigned 50 years, 2 months, 27 days.

I think that these authorities prove, without any room for doubt, that 'Alamgír counted his reign from the 1st Ramzán, 1068 H., and after that date had been once fixed upon, no alteration was ever made. This is the result arrived at by considering the historical evidence alone. Do the extant coins of the reign conflict in any way with its historians? Now, there may be some reason for thinking that occasionally some numismatists (in this branch of their subject, at any rate), concentrate their attention too much on the coins themselves, to the neglect of contemporary historians from whom they might derive much assistance. For we are dealing here with a modern period, on the history of which there is an abundance of material available. Be that as it may, let us, too, confine our attention for the moment to the coins themselves. The coins of 'Alamgír, which are already to be found in the British Museum collection, constrain us, unless some of those coins are a posthumous issue, to throw back the initial year of the reign from 1069 H. to 1068 H.

Dated coins for the 51st year of a reign necessarily imply fifty completed years of that reign. Now, the silver coins Nos. 843-846 in the British Museum, are dated in 'Alamgir's 51st year. On the other hand, there is no dispute about the date of his death; it took place in 1118 H. Even if we allow up to the last day of that year, where can you find room, within that limit, for fifty completed years, unless you throw back the first day of the reign into some part of the year 1068 H.?

As I am led to believe, the argument for 1069 H. is founded on the rule that the enthronement, the reading of the *khutbah*, and the issue of coin, taken together, form of themselves the official act of accession. In cases where there is no proof to the contrary, I see no reason to quarrel with this assumption. Indeed, for some purposes, it might even be the only right date to consider. For instance, if I wished to fix the date from which 'Alamgir became undisputed sovereign, I should, with Mr. S. Lane Poole, elect for the year 1069 H. On the other hand, if a sovereign, in defiance of facts, chooses to fix an assumed or fictitious date for his accession, it is useless for us to say that he had no just right to do so. The all-important things for us are: 1st, to know that he ordered the adoption of such official date; and 2ndly, to ascertain, on the best evidence, what that date was. Of all the acts of sovereignty hardly one can be held more formal and official than the issue of coinage: and can we suppose that on the face of that coinage any date would appear, other than one fixed according to official reckoning? Over and over again, we find that the official reckoning and the date of accession, according to actual facts, are altogether discrepant. It is so in the case of 'Alamgir.

BAHÁDUR SHÁH. His father died at Ahmadnagar, in the Dakhin, on the 28th Zú, l-Ķa'dh, 1118 H. (2nd March, 1707). He heard of the event at Jamrud, west of Pesháwar, on the 18th Zú, l-Hajj, [Kámwar Khán, *Tárikh-i-Suláţin-i-Chaghtaiyuh*, my copy, and Jag Jívan Dás, Gujaráti *Muntakhab-ut-Tuwárikh*, written in 1120 H., [B.M. Addl. MSS. No. 26,253]. He was enthroned at Pul-i-Sháh Daulah Darvesh, about 15 miles west of Láhor, in Muhárram 1119 H. Muḥammad Kásim, Láhorí, *Ibrahnámah*, India Office Library, No. 252, and Jag Jívan Dás, already cited). Muḥammad 'Alí's *Burhán-ul-Fatúḥ* (B.M. Oriental MSS. No. 2884, fol. 162b.), fixes this enthronement on the 24th Muhárram (26th April 707). He gained a complete victory over his brother 'Azam Sháh at Jájau, near Ágrah, on the 18th Rabi' I. 1119 H. (18th June 707)—(Dánishmand Khán, *Ali takhallas "Jangnámah,"* and Kháfi Khán, II, 590). But on the 1st Shawwál 1119 H. (25th Dec. 1707), he issued an order that his reign should commence from the 18th Zú, l-Hajj. 1118 H. (22nd March 1707), the day that he heard of his father's death

[Dánishmand Khán, 'Alí, in his *Bahádur Sháh-námah*, entry of the said date and Kháfi Khán, Text II, 607]. The passage in Dánishmand Khán reads as follows: "The 1st Shawwál, 1st year, Ghási Rám, principal clerk to the Chief Intelligencer, or *Wákiuhnigár-i-kul*, made a report asking for orders fixing the date from which the reign was to be reckoned, that the same might be entered in the official proceedings. Orders issued to take the 18th Zú'l-Hajj, and a report was called for as to the New Year's day by the solar year. In reply this was stated to be the 1st Farwardín and a Sunday. That day was accordingly fixed and ordered to be recorded." [B.M. Oriental MSS. No. 24, fol. 95a.]. This may mean that the 1st Farwardín or the 18th Zú'l-Hajj was adopted. If the former, that would be the 10th or 11th March, equal to the 5th or 6th Zú'l-Hajj, 1118 H.

JAHÁNDÁR SHÁH. As he did not survive to begin a second year's reign, there does not appear to have been any order passed fixing an official date for his accession. He was enthroned in the plain east of Láhor on the 21st Šafar, 1124 H. (29th March 1712) [Núr-ud-dín, Multání, *Jahándár-námah* and Kámwar Khán, *Tárikh-i-S.-i-Ch.*], his father, Bahádur Sháh, having died on the 20th Muḥarram, 1124 H. (27th February 1712) [Kámwar Khán].

FARRUKH-SIYAR. He heard of his father Āzím-ush-shán's death near Láhor, when he was himself at Paṭnah-Āzímábád. He was enthroned there, in the *bágh* known as Afzal Khán's, on the 29th Šafar, 1124 H. (6th April 1712) [Muḥammad Aḥsan, Ijád, *Farrukh-siyar-námah*, B.M. Oriental, No. 25, fol. 40a.] On the 9th Jumádi II, 1125 H. (2nd July 1713), he ordered that Jahándár Sháh's reign should be struck out of the records and treated as non-existent. He directed at the same time that his own reign should be dated from his enthronement at Patna, namely the 29th Šafar, 1124 H. [Kámwar Khán, *Tárikh-i-S.-i-Ch.*: entry of 9th Jumádi II, 1125, and Khushál Chand, B.M. Or. 3288, fol. 397a.] Kháfi Khán, II, 737, has the wrong year, 1123 instead of 1124. He and Khushál Chand have the 1st Rabí' I, which is, of course, the next day to the 29th Šafar, so that there is no practical difference, on this point, between them and Kámwar Khán.

RAFI'-UD DARJÁT. As he reigned for a few months only, no order was passed fixing officially the first day of his reign. He was enthroned in the palace at Dihlí on the 9th Rabí' II, 1131 H. (28th February 1719) [Kámwar Khán, *Tárikh-i-S.-i-Ch.*: and Kháfi Khán, II, 816]; he was deposed and sent back into the palace on the 17th Rajab, 1131 H. (4th June 1719), and he died there on the 24th of the same month (11th June 1719) [Kámwar Khán, and Kháfi Khán II, 830].

RAFI'-UD-DĀULAH. This prince was the next elder brother of the

preceding. At his brother Rafi'-ud-darjât's earnest request he was selected as successor, and raised to the throne some days before his predecessor's death. The enthronement took place in the palace at Dihlí, on the 19th Rajab, 1131 H. (6th June 1719) [Kámwar Khán, but Kháfi Khán, II, 831, has the 20th]. The prince died in camp near Agrah, on the 4th or 5th Zú'l-Ka'dh, 1131 H. (17th or 18th Sept. 1719) [Kámwar Khán]. In his case also no question can arise, as he did not survive to enter a second year.

NEKÚSIYAR. This pretender, son of Prince Muḥammad Akbar, the fourth son of 'Alamgír, was proclaimed by the mutinous garrison from the battlements of Agrah Fort, on the 29th Jumádi II, 1131 H. (18th May 1719) [see Kháfi Khán, II, 825, Kámwar Khán's *Tárikh-i-S-i-Ch.*, and Muḥammad Kásim's *Ibratnámah*]. Nekúsiyar surrendered to Sayyad Ḥusain 'Alí Khán between the 22nd and the 27th Ramzán, 1131, H. (July 7–12, 1719) [Kámwar Khán].

MUḤAMMAD SHÁH. This prince was brought from Dihlí and reached the imperial camp on the 11th Zú'l-Ka'dh, 1131 H. (24th Sept. 1719) [Kámwar Khán and Kháfi Khán, II, 840]. He was enthroned on the 15th Zú'l-Ka'dh, 1131 H. (28th Sept. 1719), at a village called Bidyápur, between Agrah and Fathpur Sikri, three kos and a fraction from the latter place [Kámwar Khán and Kháfi Khán, II, 840]. It was directed that his reign should be reckoned from the deposition of Farrukhsiyar [Muḥammad 'Alí Khán, *Tárikh-i-Muzaffarí* and Kháfi Khán II, 841]. Accordingly it is counted usually from the 9th Rabí' II, 1131 H. (28th Feb. 1719). But the contemporary authority, Kámwar Khán, gives the first of that month, namely the 1st Rabí' II, 1131 H. (20th Feb. 1719), as the exact reckoning.

I may note that the dates of the Christian era, given in this paper, are all calculated according to the Gregorian or New Style. I have used the "Practical Tables..." of Johannes von Gumpach, London, James Madden, 1856.

Although not strictly within the scope of this paper, I append some remarks on Moghul mint-towns, as likely to be of use to any one interested in my more immediate subject, and I am not likely to find any other early opportunity of placing the results on record. These notes are in continuation of those printed in the Society's *Proceedings* for January 1893.

'ĀLAMGÍRPUR. Places with this name seem very hard to find; I therefore note those I know of. But in the absence of special reasons for doing so, it would be hazardous to suggest that either is the mint-town for coin No. 772 of the British Museum Catalogue. I find by an

entry in Kámwar Khán's *Tárikh-i-Saláṭin-i-Chaghṭaiyah*, that on the 22nd Ramzán, 1122 H. (13th Nov. 1710), Bahádur Sháh was encamped at Azímábád Taláorí, "alias 'Alamgírpur," being the halting place between Karnál and Thánesar. Also, if I recollect rightly, there is a village 'Alamgírpur close to the east or left bank of the Jamuná, in the Saháranpur district. 'Alamgír was in that part of the country, on at least one occasion, on a hunting expedition to Bádsháhí Mahal and parganah Faizábád (Saháranpur District).

MU'AZZAMÁBÁD. I have little or no doubt that this mint town should be identified with Gorakhpur, Śúbah Audh. When I was serving in that district I recollect seeing the name Mu'azzamábád, Gorakhpur, used in the *Mawázinah* and *Kanúngoí* papers of the end of the last century, which twenty years ago were still in existence. Only a few days ago, I was reading the autobiography of some nn-named dependant on Fazl 'Alí Khán, once 'Amil of Gházípur. For a few years Fazl 'Alí Khán, was *Faujdar* of Gorakhpur (F. Curwen's translation of Khair-ud-dín Muḥammad, Allabábádí's, *Tuhfah-i-Tázah*, p. 19). When speaking of this appointment, this anonymous writer calls the place "the *Sirkár* of Sarwár, otherwise Mu'azzamábád-Gorakhpur."

NAŚRATÁBÁD. In the *Ma'āṣir-i-'Alamgírí* (p. 304, year 1098 H.) 'Alamgír, after taking Haidarábád, advanced against Sakkar, a place between Bijápur and Haidarábád. It was then ruled by Nand (or Parya, or Paid) Náik, a man of the low Dheph caste. After it had been taken, the country (*úlkah*) of Sakkar was by the Emperor's orders renamed Naśratábád [*ibidem*, p. 307]. For other notices of it, under its new name, see pp. 344, 345, 360, 364, 384, 410, 416, and 513 of the same volume. It is also mentioned as Naśratábád-Sagar in the *Ma'āṣir-ul-Umrá*, II, 291. Thornton, *Gazetteer*, 936, states that "Suggur" is a town in the Nizam's territory, Lat. 16° 36', Long. 76° 51', 124 miles S.-W. by W. from Haidarábád. On the map of India in Johnston's Royal Atlas it appears as Sagar.

SHÁHÁBÁD KANAUJ. In the British Museum Catalogue, p. 212, there is a coin No. 1019, which the author assigns (p. lviii) to Sháhábád in Audh, disregarding the second word, which he reads *Fatúh*. I think there can be little doubt that this word should be read *Kanauj*, قنوج. The name is usually spelt by Muhammadans with ق, see, for instance, Kháfi Khán, Text I, pp. 63, 73, 109; also throughout the *Ẓán i Akbari*, Blochmann's translation, I, 32, etc. (entered in his Index under Q). I was four years in the Farrukhábád district (in which Kanauj is included), and my recollection is that the old official name of the place was Sháhábád Kanauj. It is so styled in Dowson's Elliot, VIII. 46. I thus propose Kanauj, Śúbah Akbarábád, instead of Sháhábád, Sirkár Khairábád, Śúbah Audh.

ZAFARÁBAD. Since I wrote my former remarks I have found a direct mention of the occasion when Bidar was re-named Zafarálád. It is also frequently called Muḥammálád Bídár. The passage I refer to is in *Kháfi Khán*, II. p. 3. He tells us that in 1066 H., the thirtieth year of Sháhjahán, Prince Aurangzib was appointed to make a campaign against Bijápúr, just after he had "by notable exertions, acquired the fort of "Bidar and the Šúbah of Aḥmadálád, and the fort of Kaliyání, and "had re-named them the Šúbah of Zafarálád."

Note on the preceding Paper.—By DR. A. F. RUDOLF HOERNLE.

I fully agree with Mr. Irvine that Aurangzib's reign should be dated from 1068-1118 A. H. or 1658-1707 A. D. I had never made any special enquiries on the exact official date of his accession, and the initial date 1869, given in my coin-reports in the *Proceedings* was simply quoted as that usually assigned. That it is wrong,—if the reign is to be counted from the *officially* fixed date, and not from the date of the *actual* accession,—Mr. Irvine has amply established; and I agree with him, that it is more reasonable to accept the official date as fixed by an emperor himself.

I should, however, put "the two all-important things for us" rather in this form:—1. To know what date was officially fixed by an emperor; 2, to ascertain whether the date, officially fixed, was actually adhered to in dating coins and documents of his reign.

Now with regard to Aurangzib, nearly all his coins do adhere to the officially fixed date. There are, however, a few exceptions:—

1. There is the coin, No. 845 of the British Museum, dated in 1119 Híjrah, and 51 regnal. It is the only one with this peculiar date that I remember to have come across. As Aurangzib died on the 2nd March 1707, and the Híjrah year 1119 only commenced on the 3rd or 4th April 1707 (or the 1st Muḥarram 1119), it is clear that either the date 1119 is wrong, or that the coin is posthumous. That the latter may be the true explanation, appears from the following facts:—Aurangzib's successor was Bahádúr Sháh. He heard of his father's death only three weeks afterwards, on the 22nd March 1707, and his *actual* enthronement took place only on the 26th April 1707, that is, on the 24th Muḥarram 1119. It was not till the 25th December 1707, that the official date of his accession was fixed to be the 22nd March 1707. It is, therefore, quite possible that coins struck in the time intermediate between the 2nd March 1707, the date of Aurangzib's death, and the 26th April 1707, the date of Bahádúr Sháh's *actual* accession, were still issued in Aurangzib's name. It would thus occur that a coin,

struck between the 1st and 24th Muḥarram of 1119 Ḥijrah, would be issued as one of Aurangzib's, dated in his 51st year and in 1119 Ḥijrah. This practice would cease as soon as the actual enthronement had taken place, and notice of the fact had been proclaimed in all mint-towns.

It would be interesting to know what the actual practice was with regard to coining during a period of temporary vacancy, whether actual or official, of the throne. When an emperor died, did the coining in his name cease in a mint-town, as soon as the news of his death reached that town; or was coining in his name continued, till news arrived of the *actual* accession of his successor; or was it continued till information was received of the *officially* fixed date of accession? Thus to take Aurangzib's case as an example, did coining in his name cease from the 2nd March 1707 (the date of his death) in Aḥmadnagar (the place of his death), and similarly in other mint-towns as soon as the news of his death was received? Or did it cease from the 26th April 1707, the date of Bahádur Sháh's actual enthronement, in Láhor, and in other places as soon as information of the enthronement was received? •

2. There is no real difficulty in the case of coins like the preceding. It is different with such coins of Aurangzib as are dated in his first regnal year, and in 1070 Ḥijrah. No. 728 in the British Museum is such a coin of the Patna mint. It is figured on Plate XIX of the B. M. Catalogue. The regnal year is expressed verbally *aḥad*. In my own collection, I have two such coins, of the mints Multán and Zafarábád respectively. The latter is from a treasure trove found in Champaran in 1892.

Now, reckoning by the *official* date, Aurangzib's first year runs from the 1st Ramaẓán 1068 to the last Sha'bán 1069, and the second year, from the 1st Ramaẓán 1069 to the last Sha'bán 1070. Accordingly the coins of his first year might be dated in 1068 or 1069, those of his second year, in 1069 or 1070. But no coin could be dated both in his first year and in 1070. That dating is only admissible, if the accession of Aurangzib is placed at some point of time in 1069.

These coins require some explanation. They certainly do not agree with the official reckoning. They are undoubtedly exceptional specimens, but they are not exceptionally rare, nor are they a vagary of some obscure or outlying mint-town. They were issued from places so well-known and so far apart, as Paṭná and Multán. It does seem that in the case of these coins, at least, the accession of Aurangzib was dated from the 24th Ramaẓán 1069 (15th June 1659), the day on which the second enthronement took place with full ceremonials. But if so, how is the non-observance of the officially fixed date to be explained?

Is it possible, that there was an interval between the receipt of the news of the second enthronement and the receipt of the information of the officially fixed date, and that those exceptional coins were struck during that interval? The interval could not have been of long duration, and this explains the paucity of those peculiar coins. One can easily imagine that the news of the ceremonies of the second enthronement travelled faster, than the communication of the matters officially settled at that time. Still the interval must have been, at least, three months; for the Hijrah year 1070 commenced on the 18th September 1659; and no coin, with the dates 1070 and *aḥad*, could have been struck before the first month, or Muḥarram, of 1070 Hijrah (18th September to 17th October 1659). On the theory, here suggested, it is quite possible that also some of the extant coins, dated 1069 Hijrah and *aḥad* (or 1st year) regnal, were struck by the same wrong reckoning, that is, after the termination of the *officially* fixed first year. This would be the case with all those coins which were struck after the second enthronement and during the three last months of the Hijrah year 1069. When once the accession was *officially* antedated on the 1st Ramaẓán 1068, the three months after the Ramaẓán of 1069 (and in fact, that Ramaẓán itself) fell outside the first year of the reign. As the months of coining are not mentioned on Aurangzib's coins (as they are on some classes of coins of his predecessors), it is now impossible to determine, whether any of the coins, with 1069 *aḥad*, are really wrongly dated, if regard is had to the *official* reckoning.

For easy reference I here re-print, from the B. M. Catalogue (p. 392), the portion of the comparative table of the years A. H. and A. D. which is in question. The month, day, and day of the week of the Christian year are placed under each Muhammadan month, and correspond to the first of that month. The week-days are lettered from A (for Sunday) to G (Saturday). The months are indicated by Roman numerals. Thus the first entry 9 X C shows that the month of Muḥarram 1068 began on Tuesday the 9th October 1657.

A. H.	A. D.	Muḥarram.	Safar.	Rabí' I.	Rabí' II.	Jumádi I.	Jumádi II.
1068	1657	9 X C	8 XI E	7 XII F	58, 6 I A	4 II B	6 III D
1069	1658	29 IX A	29 X C	27 XI D	27 XII F	59, 25 I G	24 II B
1070	1659	18 IX E	18 X G	16 XI A	16 XII C	60, 14 J D	13 II F

A. H.	A. D.	Rajab.	Sha'bán.	Ramaẓán.	Shawwál.	Zú-l-Qa'dah.	Zú-l-Hijrah.
1068	1657	4 IV E	4 V G	2 VI A	2 VII C	31 VII D	30 VIII F
1069	1658	25 III C	24 IV E	23 V F	22 VI A	21 VII B	20 VIII D
1070	1659	13 III G	12 IV B	11 V C	10 VI A	9 VII F	8 VIII A

The Koch Kings of Kāmarūpa.—By E. A. GAIT, Esq., I. C. S.

INTRODUCTION.

Perhaps the most interesting epoch in Assam history is that in which the Koch dynasty rose to power, and after defeating the petty chiefs amongst whom the country had been split up after the fall of the Pála rulers, succeeded in consolidating their rule throughout the ancient Kāmarūpa, and in reviving for a time the pristine glories of that once famous kingdom.

Several accounts of the Koch dynasty are already available,* but by far the most detailed narrative of the early founders of this kingdom with which I am acquainted, is that contained in a manuscript history [*Vamśāvali* or *Purushanāma* (Sanskrit)] in the possession of Raja Lakshmī Nārāyaṇa Kuār, the leading representative of the Dar-rang branch of the Koch family.

This history is supposed to have been written, about 1806 A. D., by Sūrya Hari Gaṇaka, under the orders of Raja Samudra Nārāyaṇa.† It is inscribed on oblong strips of *Sachi* bark, and each page is illustrated. The story ends suddenly with the death of Purīkshit, and as there is nothing to show that the work was considered finished, it is conjectured that the author died before he had completed it.

As no account of this *Vamśāvali* has hitherto appeared in print, I propose to furnish an abstract of it now, and to take the opportunity to give a sketch of what is known of the country before the Koch kings rose to power, and to examine one or two questions connected with this dynasty regarding which existing accounts differ, in the light of the information afforded by this history and also of inscriptions on temples and other sources.‡

* Cf. *Āśāmburanjīs* by Bisvēśwar and Rāi Guṇābhirām Baṛua, Robinson's Descriptive Account of Assam, Dr. Hunter's Statistical accounts of Koch Bihār and Raṅgpur, and the accounts by Buchanan Hamilton, Babu Rām Chandra Ghosh and other authorities cited in Dr. Hunter's works.

† Sūrya Hari Gaṇaka is reputed to have been the greatest Sanskrit scholar of his time in Assam. He was the author of numerous Sanskrit and Assamese works, and his descendant, Manbhāl Maṇḍal, holds a deed of gift dated 1720 Sak (1804 A. D.) by which the Ahom King made a grant of land to Sūrya Hari in recognition of his learning and piety.

‡ Including the *Vamśāvali* of Rājā Prasiddha Nārāyaṇa Kuār, a manuscript copy of the *Yoginī Tantra* in the possession of a Brāhmaṇ of Haulī Mohanpur, in which the prophecies of the gods have from time to time been brought up to date, and lastly a few inscription in temples, and the references made to the Koch

• The early history of Kámarúpa is wrapped in mystery, and our knowledge of it is drawn from dubious and fragmentary references in the *Mahábhárata*, and in the *Puráṇas* and *Tantras*, chief amongst which may be mentioned the *Yoginí Tantra* and the *Bhágavata* and *Káliká Puráṇas*.

The boundaries of the country varied greatly from time to time.

Extent of Kamarupa.

In the *Yoginí Tantra* it is said that Kámarúpa comprised the country between the Karatoyá and the Dikrai, so that it included not only the whole of what is now known as the Brahmaputra Valley, but also Rangpur and the State of Koch Bihár. It was subdivided into four portions, viz: Kámapíṭha from the Karatoyá to the Sankosh, Ratnapíṭha from the Sankosh to the Rupahi, Suvarṇapíṭhá from the Rupahi to the Bharali, and Saumarpíṭha from the Bharali to the Dikkara-básini or Dikrai. It is described as bounded on the North by Kuñjagiri, on the West by the Karatoyá, on the East by the Girikañjaka, and on the South by the junction of the Brahmaputra and Lakshma rivers. It is added that Kámarúpa is three cornered and is 100 yojanas in breadth and 300 yojanas in length.* According to the *Káliká Puráṇa*, Kámákhya and Prágjyotishapura were situated in the centre of Kámarúpa, and the *Vishṇu Puráṇa* adds that the country extended around it for 100 yojanas in all directions.† In the *Mahábhárata*, Bhagadatta's Empire of Prágjyotisha or Kámarúpa is spoken of as extending to the seacoast,‡ and the copper plate of Vauamála, which will be referred to further on, says that the rule of that monarch also extended to the sea.§

Hiuen Tsiang places the circumference of the country when he visited it, at 10,000 li, from which General Cunningham infers that it must, at that time, have comprised the whole of the Brahmaputra Valley as well as Koch Bihár and Bhótán.||

The name of the country is mythologically explained as follows:—

When Sati died of grief at the reproaches of her husband Siva, the latter, overcome by remorse, wandered about the world carrying her dead body on his head. Origin of name "Kamarupa."

In order to put a stop to his penance Vishṇu followed him and lopped Kings by Muṣalmán historians, which have been made accessible by Blochmann in the J. A. S. B. for 1872.

* Edition published in Calcutta at the Bangobashi press in 1294 Sal, pp. 76, 77.

† *Káliká Puráṇa*, page 91, of Edition published at the Bangobashi press; and *Vishṇu Puráṇa*, page 81 of Edition published at the same press.

‡ *Sabhá Parva*, XXVI, XXVII. The references found elsewhere to the different parts of the *Mahábhárata* are to the translation of Pratáp Chandra Roy.

§ J. A. S. B. IX, (Part II) 773.

|| Ancient geography of India, Volume I, Buddhist period, p 500.

away the body piece-meal with his discus. The body fell to earth in 51 different pieces, and wherever each piece fell, the ground was held to be sacred. Her organs of generation fell on Niláchala hill near Gauháti, and the deity of that place was thenceforth known as Kámákhya, the goddess of sexual desire. As Siva still continued to do penance, the other gods became afraid that he would thereby acquire universal power, and accordingly despatched Kámadeva, the Indian Cupid, to make him fall in love again, and thereby break his penance. Kámadeva succeeded in his Mission, but so enraged was Siva at the result, that he burnt him to ashes by a fiery glance from the eye in the centre of his forehead. Kámadeva eventually recovered his original form, and the place in which this took place was ever afterwards known as Kámarúpa.

The earliest recorded king of Kámarúpa, of whom however, very little is known, was named Mahiraṅga Dána-
Mahiraṅga Dána-va. He was succeeded by his son Hāṭaka

Asura, after whom came Sambara Asura and then Ratna Asura.†

After this, there was a chief named Ghaṭaka, the ruler of the
Ghaṭaka Kirata. Kirátas, who are said to have been a powerful race, much addicted to eating flesh and

drinking strong drinks.

Ghaṭaka was defeated and slain by Naraka, who was born
Naraka Asura. of the earth by Vishṇu, and had been deputed by him to exterminate the Kirátas. Hav-

ing succeeded in doing this,‡ he made Prágjyotishapura (the modern Gauháti) his capital,§ and settled numerous Bráhmans at Kámákhya. His rule extended from the Karatoyá on the West, to the Dikráng on the East. It is said that he married Máya, the

* Notices of Mahiraṅga and his successors will be found in the *Káliká Purāṇa* Chaps. 36-42, and on page 81 of the *Yoginí Tantra*. In the *Raghuvamśa*, it is related that Raghu crossed the Brahmaputra with a view to attacking the king of Prágjyotisha or Kámarúpa. The latter is said to have submitted without venturing to give battle, and to have paid a tribute of war elephants. The name of the king is not mentioned.

† The names Dána-va and Asura, indicate that these kings were of aboriginal origin. According to the *Vaṃśávali* of Prasiddha Náráyan Kuar, Sambar, who is mentioned in the text as the grandson of Mahiraṅga, was the founder of the dynasty. He is there spoken of as the son of Brahmá, and is said to have had his capital at Raṅgamáti.

‡ Apparently he only subdued them. In the *Udyoga Parvan*, his son Bhagadatta is referred to as bringing Kirátas to the aid of Duryodhana. (XVIII, 15-16.)

§ There is a hill near Gauháti which is still known as the hill of Naraka Asur.

daughter of the king of Vidarbha or Kuṇḍina. Naraka was greatly favoured by Viṣṇu who placed him in charge of Kāmākhyā, and told him that so long as that goddess was pleased with him he would do well, but that if he angered her, he would suffer, and that he himself would then desert him. It is said that Naraka carried off 10,000 girls as wives, and that he became so proud that he asked Kāmākhyā to marry him. To this the goddess assented on condition that he erected a temple to her on Nilāchala and also constructed a tank and a road to the temple in a single night. Naraka accepted the terms and had almost accomplished his task, when the goddess caused a cock to crow before dawn, and saying that that was a proof that day had come, evaded her promise and refused to marry him. Overcome with rage, Naraka slew the cock, and the place where he did this is still known as Kukuṭa-Kāṭā (the place where the cock was killed). But Naraka's crowning misfortune was his refusal to permit Vasiṣṭha Muni to go to worship at Kāmākhyā, in consequence of which the Muni cursed Naraka and Kāmākhyā, saying that thence forward no one who worshipped at Kāmākhyā's shrine should see the fulfilment of his desire. By the aid of Śiva, the duration of this curse was limited to three hundred years, but Naraka had now completely alienated both Kāmākhyā and Viṣṇu and was eventually slain by the latter in the incarnation of Kṛiṣṇa. Kṛiṣṇa's invasion of Prāgjyotiṣhapura is described in the *Bhāgavata* and *Viṣṇu Purāṇa*s, in the latter of which it is stated that his attack on Naraka was instigated by Indra.* The capital was defended by sharp *pīñjās* and by numerous outworks erected by the Asura Muru, but Kṛiṣṇa cut his way through with his discus and slew Muru and his sons. He then entered the city and engaged in a terrible combat with Naraka, and after killing thousands of daityas, he clove Naraka in twain with his discus. He recovered the golden earrings of Aditi and other property seized by him, and sent the 10,000 girls imprisoned in his harem together with his 6,000 elephants and his horses to Dvāraka.

Naraka left two sons, Bhagadatta and Vajradatta, of whom the former was appointed by Kṛiṣṇa to succeed him as king of Prāgjyotiṣha. Bhagadatta

is frequently referred to in the *Mahābhārata*. In the *Sabhā Parvan*, it is related that he was defeated by Arjuna after a battle which lasted for eight days.† Later on, when the forces of the Kauravas and Pāṇḍavas were being mustered for the last struggle,

* *Bhāgavata Purāṇa* (Edition published at the *Bangobashi* press) X, 59, and *Viṣṇu Purāṇa*, pp. 81—83 (V, 29)

† *Sabhā Parvan*, secs. XXVI and XXVII. His troops are described as a host of Kirātas and Chīnas, and numerous other warriors that dwelt on the seacoast.

Bhagadatta went to the assistance of Duryodhana with an *Akshauhini* of troops consisting of Chīnas and Kirātas.* At the final battle of Kurukshetra, he performed prodigies of valour, and no less than four sections of the *Droṇa Parvan* are devoted to a narrative of his heroic deeds, from the time when he rescued Duryodhana from the onslaughts of Bhīma to his fight with Arjuna, in which he was at last defeated and slain. The issue of this last combat is ascribed to the magic intervention of Kṛishṇa, who rendered harmless the invincible weapon which he had previously given to Bhagadatta's father Naraka.†

Bhagadatta was succeeded by others of his line, one of whom, **Bhagadatta's successors.** Pralambha, is described as having been an unusually powerful prince. By his wife Jivadá, he had a son named Hajara, and the latter, by his wife Tārá, who was an incarnation of Lakshmi, had in his turn a son named Vanamāla. A copper plate containing a grant of land by the latter to a Brāhman which was found near Tezpur in 1840 A. D., is the authority for the account of Bhagadatta's successors here given.‡

It has been assumed that Vanamāla was of the Pāla dynasty, but his asserted descent from Naraka makes this impossible; this assumed ancestry, and the fact that he bore the Kshattriya title Varman or Barman, renders it much more likely that he was a converted aboriginal potentate of the same class as the Khyen and Koch kings.

The so-called Rājās of Rānī, in Kāmrūp, claim to be descended from the lineage of Bhagadatta.

Kṛishṇa frequently appears in Assam Mythology. We have already seen how he slew Naraka and set up **Rape of Rukmini.** his son Bhagadatta in his stead. He is also said to have carried off his bride Rukmini from her father Bhīshmaka, the king of Kuṇḍilya§ or the country around Sadiyá, between the Dikráng and Dibong rivers. The name of this monarch is still preserved in upper Assam, and a ruined fort, some sixteen miles north of Sadiyá, is attributed to his reign.|| The name of the kingdom survives in the Kuṇḍil river.

* Udyoga Parvan, sec. XVIII.

† Droṇa Parvan, secs. XXVI—XXX.

‡ J. A. S. B. IX, p. 766. The plate bears a date in an unknown era—"Samvat 19". Presumably this refers to the date of the king's succession.

§ According to ordinary Paurāṇik accounts, Bhīshmaka was king of Kuṇḍina or Vidarbha, the modern Berar, in Central India.—Ed.

|| These ruins were described by Colonel Hannay in the J. A. S. B. for 1848, p. 469. It is not unlikely that further research amongst this and other ruins in the same direction, would add considerably to our knowledge of ancient Assam history.

Kṛishṇa's grandson, Aniruddha, carried off Ushā, the daughter of Bāṇa Rájá, king of Sonitapura, the city of And of Usha. blood, now known by the Assamese equivalent, Tezpur—in consequence of which he was caught by that monarch and imprisoned. The subsequent invasion of Bāṇa Rájá's kingdom by Kṛishṇa and the rescue of Aniruddha is described in the *Bhāgavatá Purāṇa* and elsewhere. From the *Káliká Purāṇa* it appears that Rájá Bāṇa was the contemporary and friend of Naraka.*

From these stories, all that we can gather with certainty is that the Brahmaputra Valley was known to the Conclusion to be drawn from these legends. Aryan invaders of India at a very early period, and that the process of converting the aboriginal tribes to Hinduism, which is going on before our eyes to-day, commenced long before the time of which we have any authentic record.

Kámarúpa appears to have been a famous place for pilgrimages and devotions, and the fame of Kámákhya and the Brahmakunḍa had spread abroad at a very early date. In the *Tantras* it is said: "Elsewhere deities are scarce, but in Kámarúpa, they are found in every house."

At the beginning of the Śakáditya era, a king named Deveśvara ruled somewhere in Kámarúpa, but the site of his capital is unknown. He was a Súdra by caste, and is said to have tried to prevent the spread of Buddhism and to propagate the worship of Kámákhya, but without any very great success.

In the *Yoginí Tantra*, mention is made of Nágaśaṅkara or Nágá-khya, who is said to have been born of the Nagasankara. Karatoyá river, about 378 A. D., and to have founded a dynasty which ruled for four hundred years. His capital was above the Nágaśaṅkara temple at Pratápgarh, in Vishṇunátha (Bishuáth).

Our earliest authentic knowledge of the country is derived from the writings of Hiuen Tsiang, the celebrated Chinese traveller and pilgrim. He visited Kámarúpa about 640 A. D., at which time a Hindú prince named

* Vishṇu Purāṇa, Book V, Chaps. 32, 33, and Káliká Purāṇa, p. 94. The events described here form the subject of one of the earliest known epics in the Assamese language. It is known as *Kunḍra-haraṇa*, and is said to have been written by Śrī Chandra Bháratí

It should be noted that Tezpur is not the only place which claims to be the site of Rájá Bāṇa's capital. The remains of what is said to be the city of this king, are still pointed out at a place a few miles south of Dinájpur, which to this day is known as *Bān Rájár garh*. (Anandarām Borua's Sanskrit Dictionary, p. 113.)

Kumára Bháskara Varman* was on the throne. He describes this ruler as a Bráhmaṇ, but by this it seems doubtful whether he meant anything more than that he was a Hindú and not a Buddhist. Barman is a well known Kshattriya title, and is one which is commonly adopted to-day by Kacháris, when they accept Hinduism and assume the sacred thread, on the fiction that they are concealed Kshattriyas. The method of conversion by fictions such as this is, doubtless, of very ancient date, and from the fact that this prince described himself as "Barman," it seems not unreasonable to presume that he was a Hindú convert from some aboriginal tribe. The presumption is strengthened by the fact that his subjects are described as being of small stature with dark yellow complexions, and by our knowledge that subsequent rulers, *e.g.*, the Khyen and Koch kings, were nothing more than Hinduised aborigines.

Hiuen Tsiang reports that the people adored and offered sacrifices to the Devas, and adds that although Buddhism was not forbidden, its votaries were scarce.

The soil is described as being deep and fertile, and the towns were surrounded by moats filled with water brought from rivers or banked up lakes.† The people were fierce in appearance, but upright and studious; their language differed somewhat from that spoken in Mid-India. In his time, as now, the country was famous for wild elephants, which were especially numerous in the south-east.‡

After Hiuen Tsiang's account, we are again left with no authentic information regarding the country. It is said that Subáhu was born in the 19th generation beginning from Naraka, in the lineage of Bhagadatta. Subáhu became an ascetic and went to the Himálayas, and was succeeded by his son Suparú who was killed by his ministers.

Then a Kshattriya Sannyási named Jitári, came from the west and founded a kingdom. He deserted Gauháti and built a capital further west. His contemporary Jalpeśvara had his capital where the Sáкта temple of Jalpeśvara (which he founded) now stands, in the Jalpaiguri District. Jitári was succeeded in turn by Subáli, Padma Náráyana, Chandra Náráyana,

* *Si-yu-ki*. Beal's trans. II. p. 196.

† The Ahom capitals were in the same way encircled by moats, and the old Kachári capital at Dimápur was similarly protected on two sides, while the Dhan-siri flowed along the third side.

‡ These animals appear always to have been plentiful, for we read in the Raghuvamśa that the king of Kámarúpa or Prágjyotisha gave many elephants as tribute to Raghu (IV—88), and in the Vishnu Purāṇa (p. 81) it is stated that Krishna took 6,000 elephants from Naraka's capital, after he had defeated and slain that monarch.

Mahendra Náráyaṇa, Gajendra Náráyaṇa, Prána Náráyaṇa, Jaya Náráyaṇa, Kshobha Náráyaṇa, and Ráma Chandra.*

The next king to be mentioned is Arimatta, who ruled the country on the south bank of the Brahmaputra from the neighbourhood of Gauháṭi, as far as Rahá in Nowgong. He is said to have been born of a princess of the house of Ráma Chandra,† who was raped by the Brahmaputra river. According to the *Vamśávali* of Prasiddha Náráyaṇa, Arimatta ruled at Baidargarh until 1160 Śak. (A. D. 1238.)‡

His son Jaṅgál Báláhu was a mighty warrior, and was engaged in constant feuds with the Kachárf and Jaintiá Rájás. The ruins of a fort said to have been built by him are still visible in Sahari Mauza, near Nowgong. He eventually made peace with the Kachárf Rájá, and married his daughter, but hostilities again broke out and he was defeated. He fled covered with wounds, and was drowned in the Kallang river.

Four kings, named Mimaṅg, Gajaṅg, Sribaṅg and Mrigaṅg are mentioned by Guṇábhírám as having reigned for 200 years at Lohityapur in Kámarúpa, and as having been succeeded by Pheṅguá Rájá. In Prasiddha Náráyaṇa's *Vamśávali*, on the other hand, it is said that Naraṅg and Mrigaṅg were son and grandson of Arimatta, and that the latter being very pious made over his kingdom to Jaya Simha, a learned Bráhmaṇ of Darraṅg. But these accounts are so vague and uncertain that it seems to be useless to try to reconcile them or to construct a connected history from them.

The Pála rulers still remain to be mentioned. There is no doubt that kings of this name at one time possessed great power in the country, but our information regarding them is very meagre. Rai Guṇábhírám Baruá in his

* So Guṇábhírám and an old chronicle in the possession of a Bráhmaṇ, to which reference was made by General Jenkins in the J. A. S. B., IX., p. 766. Prasiddha Náráyaṇa's *Vamśávali* says that Ráma Chandra was 14th in descent from Jitári. Hannay (J. A. S. B. 1848, p. 464) identified Jitári with Dharma Pála, and says that his kingdom was in Central Assam and that the dynasty became extinct with Rája Śúkránka in 1478 A. D. He quotes no authority for these statements.

† So the *Vamśávali* of Prasiddha Náráyaṇa. Guṇábhírám says that the princess was of the Nágákhyia line.

‡ The so-called Dimuriá Rájá in Kámrúp claims to be descended from Arimatta, and will not touch the Ari fish in consequence. Baidargarh is near Betná in Kámrúp. Guṇábhírám says that local tradition ascribes its erection to Pheṅguá Rájá. Traditions regarding Arimatta and his son are still current amongst the people, and their history is said to be narrated in an old *puṭhi* (now very rare) which I have not yet succeeded in obtaining.

Buranji gives a list of 17 Pāla princes who reigned in Kāmarūpa, viz : Jayanta Pāla, Chakra Pāla, Bhūmi Pāla, Prema Pāla, Paksha Pāla, Daksha Pāla, Chandra Pāla, Nārāyaṇa Pāla, Madhu Pāla, Indra Pāla, Simha Pāla, Kṛishṇa Pāla, Su Pāla, Gandha Pāla, Mādhava Pāla, Śyāma Pāla, and Lakshmi Pāla. He adds that these princes were Buddhists, and that Lakshmi Pāla was followed by a king of the name of Subāhu who died childless and was succeeded by his Mantri Sumati.*

There is a tradition amongst a colony of Brāhman (called Basattariā, i. e. 72) resident at Suālkuchi in Kāmarūpa, that they settled there in the reign of one Dharma Pāla, and a copperplate in their possession records a grant of land made to them by that prince.

Another plate found recently at Benares and deciphered by Professor Venis, records the grant of two villages Badā and Mundarā in the *Vishaya* of Badā in the *Bhukti* of Prāgyjyotiṣa in the *Maṇḍala* of Kāmarūpa to a Brāhman named Śrīdhara. The date of the grant has not been deciphered, but Professor Venis is of opinion that it was about 1142 A. D. The name of the prince making the grant is Kumāra Pāla, son of Rāma Pāla and grandson of Vighraha Pāla. The inscription says that Rāma Pāla killed a certain Rājā Bhīma. Kumāra Pāla is styled Lord of Gauḍa, and his General is said to have slain a rebellious vassal named Tiṃgya, or Tishya Deva in the East.† From the mention of Rāma Pāla and Vighraha Pāla and the title Gauḍeśvara assumed by Kumāra Pāla, this plate would seem to prove that the Rājā in question belonged to the Pāla dynasty of Bengal, and the probability that this was so is strengthened by the fact that Deva Pāla of that dynasty (who according to General Cunningham ruled from 850 to 885 A. D.) is said to have conquered Kāmarūpa.‡

* In an ancient-looking chronicle shown by a Brāhman to General Jenkins, Lakhi Pāla, Subāhu and Sumati are mentioned first, then Jitāri and his descendants, then the Pālas, and lastly Mimaṅg and his successors. It is almost impossible to give reasons for arranging these dynasties in one order rather than in another, particularly as it seems probable that they ruled in different parts of the country. It is supposed for instance that Mimaṅg, and his family reigned at Lohityapura in Kāmarūpa, and that the capital of Jitāri was outside modern Assam in the Jalpaiguri District.

The list of Pālas in this document differs slightly from that quoted in the text, and is given by General Jenkins as follows :—

Japandu Pāla, Hari Pāla, Dhamba Pāla, Rāma Pāla, Pakshya Pāla, Chandra Pāla, Nārāyaṇa Pāla, Mantri Pāla, Haina Pāla, Śyāma Pāla, Mactya Pāla, Su Pāla, Gandha Pāla, Mādhava Pāla, and Lakhiā Pāla. The differences are however in many cases clearly due to misreadings of the original.

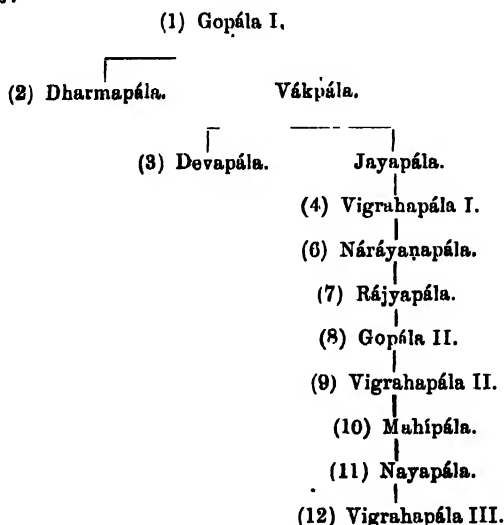
† Supplement to *Pandit* for February, 1893.

‡ *Vide* copperplate found at Bhāgalpur and translated by Rajendralāla Mitra, J. A. S. B. 1878 page 407. The conquest of Kāmarūpa is however uncer-

Mr. Westmacott in his "Traces of Buddhism in Dinájpur," was of opinion that the Bengal Pála dynasty at one time ruled the country north of the Padma, and Mr. Ferguson in his paper on Hinen Tsiang says that "Pála kings were ruling east of the *Karatóyá long after "Bengal had been subdued by the Senas, before whom indeed the Pálas "probably retreated by degrees to the north-east." The only conquest in Kámarúpa claimed by the Sena line, who succeeded the Pála dynasty in Bengal, is that of Vijaya Sena (1046–1066 A. D.) who is said in the inscription found at Rajshahye by Mr. Metcalfe, to have conquered the Kings of Gauḍa, Kámarúpa, and Kaliṅga.*

On the other hand it should be mentioned that the name Pála alone creates very little, if any, presumption regarding the lineage of the rulers bearing it. Many of the Bhuiyás were named Pála, and Dalton speaks of an Aryan dynasty of that name which ruled over Kuṇḍilya or the country around Sadiyá, and succumbed to a Chhutiá or Kachárá invasion, probably about the same time that the Koches rose to power lower down the Valley.

tain. According to Doctor Hultzsch the meaning of the verse is that Deva Pála supported the king of Kámarúpa against the king of Utkala (*Ind. Ant.* Vol XV, p. 308). Cf. Dr. Kielhorn's paper on the Dinájpur Inscription; *J. A. S. B.*, Vol. LXI, Part I, pp. 77 and ff. The line of Pála Kings is now established to be as follows:—



It is doubtful whether Deva Pála was nephew or son of Dharma Pála.

The dates of Deva Pála, as given above, are those given by General Cunningham, (*Rep. Arch. Sur. Ind.*, XI, 181). Dr Rajendralála Mitra gives 895-915 A. D.

* *J. A. S. B.* 1878 page 401. It is however not very clear from his inscription whether the conqueror was the Sena prince or the ruler of Gauḍa.

In Glazier's Report on Raṅgpur, Dharma Pála is mentioned as the founder of a dynasty. It is said that he was succeeded by his son Bhava Chandra, whose successor, Pála, was the last of the line. The remains of a fortified city which even now retains the name of Dharma Pála, are still to be seen in Raṅgpur, and in the Baghdwár pargana of the same district are the ruins of Udayapura, the city of Udaya or Bhava Chandra.

Leaving the Pála dynasty we come upon somewhat more certain ground. Tradition says that there was a certain Bráhmaṇ who had a most restless and troublesome cowherd. Going one day to chastise him, he found him asleep and a cobra shading him with its hood. He then noticed from the marks on his feet that he was destined to be a king. He informed him of the fact, released him from menial work and made him promise to make him his *mantrí* when he rose to power. In course of time, acting under the advice of the Brahman, the quondam cowherd deposed the last representative of the Pála race and ascended the throne, making the Bráhmaṇ his councillor. He assumed the name of Níladhvaṇa, and bringing many Bráhmaṇs from Mithilá did much towards re-establishing Vedic observances. He is said to have belonged to the Khyen tribe, but on conversion to Hinduism, he declared his caste to be that of High Súdra, just as the next dynasty—the Koch—called themselves Rájavamsís. He removed the capital to Kamaṭhapura,* on the western bank of the Dharlá in Koch Bihár. The ruins still exist, and are described by Dr. Buchanan-Hamilton who visited them in 1809.† He says that the city was very extensive, being no less than 19 miles in circumference, of which five were protected by the Dharlá and the rest by a rampart and a ditch. The city was built on the usual plan, enclosure within enclosure, wall within wall, the king's palace occupying the centre of the whole.

His son Chakradhvaja succeeded him, and the latter was in turn followed by his son Nílámbara, who attained to great power. His dominions included the

* He was on this account known as Kamaṭhesvara. It is doubtful how far Níladhvaṇa's empire extended, and it is not unlikely that in some portions of Eastern Kámarúpa other rulers were at the same time exercising sovereign rights. The Musalmán historians of the time sometimes refer to Kámarúpa and Kamaṭha as if the kingdoms were distinct, and sometimes speak as if the terms were synonymous and referred to one and the same country. "Comotay" is shown in the Map in Blaeu's *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, Vol II (Amsterdam 1650); but the map is too sketchy to enable the boundaries of the country to be ascertained from it.

† Buchanan-Hamilton's account is reproduced almost verbatim in Hunter's *Statistical Account of Koch Bihár*, p. 362. See also *Statistical Account of Raṅgpur*, p. 314.

greater part of Kámarúpa, Goálpárá and Raṅgpur, and also part of Bengal. His attempts to extend his dominions were facilitated by the struggles which the Afghán Kings of Bengal were then making to maintain their independence of the Delhi Emperors.

Nílámbara did much to improve communications, and amongst other works, constructed a magnificent road from Kamaṭhapura to Gho-rágháta, a portion of which still forms part of the main road between Koch Bihár, Raṅgpur and Bogra. The fall of this monarch was in this wise. The son of his councillor, a Bráhmaṇ named Sauchí Pátra, was enamoured of the queen, and the king, hearing of it, ordered him to be killed and some of his flesh to be cooked. He then invited the father to a banquet, and, after making him partake of his son's flesh, told him what he had eaten and explained the circumstances under which the punishment had been inflicted. The councillor at once left the kingdom, under the pretence of making a pilgrimage to the Ganges in order to wash away the sin committed by his son. But his real object was revenge, and to obtain it, he went to Ḥusain Sháh, the Nawáb at Gauḍa, and telling him of the weakness of the kingdom, persuaded him to send a large army to invade it. The siege of Kamaṭhapura is said to have lasted for twelve years,* at the end of which period Ḥusain Sháh gave out that he was going to abandon the siege and return to his own country, but that before doing so, his wife wished to pay a visit to Nílámbara's Rání. Under this pretence some armed men were introduced into the city in litters, and with their aid the city was captured. Nílámbara was taken prisoner and put in an iron cage to be taken to Gauḍa, but he made his escape, and Buchanan Hamilton says that in his time the common people of Kámarúpa still looked for his restoration at some future date. The Assam chronicles fix 1498 A. D. as the date of the capture of Kamaṭhapura, and this date is confirmed by a contemporaneous inscription found by Mr. Westmacott, at Maldah bearing date 907 A. H. (A. D. 1501-2), which belonged to a Madrasah built by Ḥusain Sháh in commemoration of his conquest of Kamaṭha and Kámarúpa.† The author of the *Riáṣ* refers to the conquest of these and other places, and mentions Rúpa Náráyaṇa Pála, Kumwar Gosa, Lakkhan and Lachhni Náráyaṇa amongst the princes subdued. Ḥusain Sháh left his son Dányál with a strong army to complete the conquest, "but when the rains set in and the roads were closed" the Rájá issued with his men from the hills and in a short time they were all killed." A very similar account is given in the *Fatḥiyah*

* This is doubtless an exaggeration.

† J. A. S. B. 1874, p. 281. A. D. 1498 is also accepted by Blochmann as the correct date (J. A. S. B. 1872, p. 79).

i 'Ibriyah, from which it appears that the Rājā who drove out the Musalmāns was the Ahom king.*

A few years later (1506 A. D.) a Paṭhān named Turbuk is said to have advanced as far as Koliabar, where he defeated the Ahoms and was not finally expelled from the Province until 1532 A. D., when he was defeated and slain, and his army chased as far as the Karatoyā river. This invasion is recorded in the Ahom histories, but is not mentioned by Musalmān writers. The Mariās are said to be the descendants of prisoners taken in this war.†

Although Ḥusain Shāh's invasion constituted the first serious attempt of the Muhammadan rulers of Bengal to permanently occupy Kāmarūpa, accounts are not wanting of earlier invasions which, however, seem to have partaken more of the nature of filibustering expeditions than of real attempts at conquest.‡

Ghiyāsu'd-dīn Bahādur Shāh is reported to have invaded Assam about 1220 A. D. and to have ascended the Brahmaputra as far as Sudiṛā, but in the end he was defeated and driven back to Gauḍa §

Ikhtiyāru'd-dīn Yuzbak Tughril Khān invaded the country in 1256-57 A. D. For a time he was successful and he celebrated his conquest by erecting a mosque, but, when the rains set in, and the country was flooded, large numbers of his men died. The king of Kāmarūpa then returned from his hiding place in the hills and gave battle. Tughril was killed and his army defeated, and only a few escaped to Bengal to tell the tale.|| Muḥammad Shāh, son of Tughluq Shāh,

* Blochmann, J. A. S. B. 1872 pp. 79 and 335. The general account of the Khyen dynasty given above is taken from Guṇābhirām's *Āsām buranji*.

† In the Fathiyah i 'Ibriyah it is said that they are the descendants of prince Dānyāl's army. As Turbuk's name is not mentioned in Musalmān histories, it is possible that the name is an Ahom designation of Dānyāl or some other commander of the forces left by Ḥusain Shāh in Assam.

‡ I do not mention Bakhtiyār Khiljī's invasion, because it has been shown that he did not, as was once supposed, enter Assam and cross the Brahmaputra at Gauḥāṭī, but that he marched northwards along the Karatoyā river which formed the boundary of the kingdom of Kāmarūpa.

§ Guṇābhirām's *Āsām buranji* p. 81.

|| Guṇābhirām's *Āsām buranji* p. 82 and Tabaqāt i Nāsiri 263. The practise of flooding the country here referred to was common in early warfare in this part of India. Ḥusain Shah's second invasion of Tippera was frustrated by a similar operation (Long's Analysis of the Rājāmāla, J. A. S. B. 1850 p. 543). Cunningham (Arch: Surv: of India Vol XV p. 170) mentions a tradition that Muḥṣu'd-dīn was killed near Sonārgāoñ, but it is not quite certain that the same person is referred to, and in any case the version given in the text seems to be more authentic.

invaded the country in 1337 A. D. He sent "100,000 horsemen well "equipped to Assam; but the whole army perished in that land of "witchcraft, and no trace of it was left. He sent a second army to "avenge the former disaster, but when they came to Bengal, they "would go no further, and the plan had to be given up."*

In the reign of Barbak, some time about 1460 A. D., Ismá'il Gházi, the celebrated Pír, is said to have defeated Kámesvara, king of Kámarúpa. The story is told at length in a manuscript found by the late Mr. Damant in the possession of a fakír in charge of Ismá'il Gházi's tomb at Kuntá Duár, Rañgpur, but no reference is made to the subject in any Assam Chronicle or tradition.†

The records of these earlier Muhammadan invasions are very scanty, and very few traces of them now remain, beyond a few ruined fortifications (such perhaps as the Baidargarh already referred to), a few occasional finds of coins and the names of places indicating a previous Musalmán occupation.‡

Before proceeding further, it is necessary to give some account of

Baro Bhuiyas.

the Báro Bhuiyás. It is generally admitted that they were foreigners, but accounts differ as to the circumstances under which they came to Bengal & Assam. Buchanan's version is that twelve "persons of very high distinction, and mostly named Pála, came from the west and settled" at Mahásthán. He was of opinion that they belonged to the Blungiyá tribe. Cunningham on the other hand thinks that they were Bráhmans and that the name Bhuiyá is a corruption of Bhumihára, a term applied to them as indication of the fact that they had taken to cultivation as a means of livelihood. He says that they still call themselves Bábhan, and claim to be Bráhmans, but that their enemies say that they are the descendants of men of low caste whom Jarásandha raised to the priesthood. He mentions that they form a large part of the population of Magadha, the chief representative of the clan being the Rájá of Tekári, and from this he surmises that the Pála Rajas "must have been of "this caste, as they would appear to have been descendants of some of "the Báro Bhuihár Pálas, while in their inscriptions they are silent as "to their ancestry."

* Alamgírnamah, p. 731.

† J. A. S. B. 1874, p. 216.

‡ 30 silver coins were recently discovered near Gauháti by a cooly working on the Assam-Bengal Railway. They bore dates from 1310 to 1390 A. D. Most of them were coins issued by the independent Sultáns of Bengal. Mahmúd Sháh II, Ghiyásu'd-dín Bahádur Sháh, Ilyas Sháh, &c. A previous find of 33 coins at Gauháti in 1880 formed the subject of an article by Dr. Hoernle in the J. A. S. B. of 1881, p. 53.

Buchanan's identification of the Báro Bhuiyás with the aboriginal tribe called Bhungiyá or Bhuiyá was endorsed by Dalton and other writers, but Dr. Wise has made it clear that the word "Bhuiyá" has nothing to do with caste but is simply a word formerly used to denote a chief or ruler.* He shows that one at least of the "Bhuiyás" was a Musalmán, and quotes Janic as follows:—"Non se tamen dixere reges sed *Boiones*, quasi forsan *Principes*." Bhuiyá therefore simply means chief, and connotes nothing regarding the caste of the persons to whom it is applied.

Why these Bhuiyás should always be referred to as 12 in number is less clear. It may be that the term was originally "Bar" or "great," and somehow got changed in course of time to Báro or twelve; but this seems unlikely. All that can be said in explanation is that twelve seems to be a favourite number to be fixed for councillors or feudatories in the constitution of kingdoms in this part of India. The Rájá of Jaintiá had twelve *dalais*, and we shall see subsequently that when Viśva Simha came to the throne, he appointed twelve chief Ministers of State.†

The tradition current in Assam regarding the immigration of the Báro Bhuiyás of this Province is as follows:—A Rájá of Kamāthapura named Durlabha Nárāyaṇa went to war with another Rájá named Dharma Nárāyaṇa, who called himself Gauḍeśvara—the Lord of Gaṇḍa.‡ When peace was concluded Gauḍeśvara§ sent seven houses of Bráhmaṇs and seven of Súdras (Kayasthas) to Durlabha who settled them on his frontier as lords of the marches and gave them lands and slaves. From the position accorded to them, it seems certain that they must have been persons of position in their own country. The names of the seven Bráhmaṇs were Kṛishṇa Paṇḍita, Raḡhupati, Rámavara, Lohár, Báyan, Dharma and Mathurá; and of the seven Kayasthas—Hari, Śrí Hari, Śrípati, Śrídhara, Chidānanda, Sadānanda and Chaṇḍivara. The last mentioned, who was the ablest and

* It is in fact simply the Sanskrit equivalent of the Persian word *Zamindár*. The title was sold by the last kings of Cachar to any one willing to pay for it. Dr. Wise's essays on the Báro Bhuiyás of Bengal will be found in the J. A. S. B. 1874, p. 197 and 1875, p. 181.

† Cf. also the 12 *misals* of the *Khulisa*.

‡ The whole story is told at length in the *Guru Charitra*.

§ It appears that this title was often claimed, even by petty princes, and in the time of the visit to Paṇḍradeśa of Jayapíḍa, the Rájá of Káśmírā (779-813 A. D.) there were no less than six petty princes in the province of Gaṇḍa or Varendra all of whom claimed the title of Gauḍeśvara. The same state of affairs is said by Táránátha to have prevailed in the beginning of the ninth century, immediately before the rise of the Pála princes. (Arch. Sur. of Ind. Vol. XV, p. 111.)

most learned, was chief of the Báro Bhuiyás, and acted as their priest, from which fact he was also known as Devídása.* A story is told of Chaṇḍivara to the effect that he and the other Bhuiyás† went home to fetch their families, and that on starting to return they were seized by Gaṇdeśvara and cast into prison. Shortly afterwards a paṇḍit from Benares visited the country and defeated all the learned men there in argument. The king confronted him with Chaṇḍivara, who soon overcame him, and he left the country covered with shame at his defeat. This so pleased the king that he at once released Chaṇḍivara and his companions and supplied them with boats in which to return to Kámarúpa. They went and settled at Paimagurí, where Chaṇḍivara earned the gratitude of the peasantry by constructing a bund in Baṅsá pargana, which the Chaudhrí of the place, by name Gandharva Rái, had in vain attempted to make. Subsequently the Bhotiás raided and carried off a number of people including Chaṇḍivara's son Rájadhara. Gandharva Rái fled to the south bank of the Brahmaputra, but Chaṇḍivara with the other Bhuiyás followed up the Bhotiá raiders and rescued their captives.

After Nílámbara had been overthrown by the Musalmáns under Husain Sháh and the latter had in their turn been expelled by the Ahoms, the country appears to have been broken up, as it had often been before, into numerous petty kingdoms, and amongst the rulers of these small principalities were twelve Bhuiyás, but whether these were descendants of the Bhuiyás imported by Deveśvara or not is uncertain.

* His son Rájadhara was the great grandfather of Saṅkara Deva, the celebrated religious reformer.

† The following list of Bhuiyás is taken from Lakshmináráyaṇa's *Purushávali*: Cháru, Ugurí, Kusum, Kália, Luki, Jhárgáoñ, Kabila, Karnapur, Phulgurí, Bijni, Dighala and Pratáp. Of these Ugurí, Luki, Jhárgáoñ, Karnapur, Phulgurí, Bijni and perhaps Dighala are names of places, and Cháru, Kusum, Kália, Kabila and Pratáp are the names of rulers whose states are not mentioned. The twelve Bhuiyás were not the only rulers in the country during this period of anarchy. Amongst others, two brothers named Chandana and Madana are mentioned by Buchanan Hamilton as having ruled for eight years at a place called Marálávása about twenty miles north of Kamaṭhapura. In a lecture by Bábu Rám Chandra Ghosh, quoted at page 407 of Hunter's *Statistical Account of Koch Bihár*, it is stated that Chandana and Madana were the children of Hariá Maṇḍal by his wife Jirá. But as will be seen hereafter, there is not sufficient evidence to justify this statement. The same Bábu adds that Chandana became king in 1511 and was succeeded by Viśva Siṁha in 1524, after a reign of thirteen years. Guṇábhírám mentions the kings of the following places as having been subdued by Viśva Siṁha:—Dimurí, Beltola, Ráni, Luki, Bogái, Pántan, Boko, Baṅgáoñ, Moirápúr, Bholágáoñ, Chaigáoñ, Barnagar, Darrang, Karáibári, Attiábári, Kamaṭhabári, and Balarámpúr.

THE KOCH KINGS OF KÁMARÚPA.

In the meantime the Koch chiefs were gradually rising to power.

Bisu and Sisú.

In tracing their history I shall follow generally the account given in the *Purushanāma* or *Vamśāvali* of Rájá Lakshmi Nárāyaṇa Kuār, but shall collate this with other versions and endeavour, where they differ, to show which is most probably correct.

The account begins with the usual attempt to prove that the ruling tribe was of Kshattriya descent. It says that Sahasra, son of Rájá Haihaya stole the milch cow of Jamadagni. Paraśurāma, son of the latter, on hearing of the theft, slew Sahasra and restored the cow to his father. In revenge, Sahasra's sons, taking advantage of Paraśurāma's absence, killed Jamadagni and cut off his head. When Paraśurāma returned, he waged a war of extermination against the Kshattriyas and recovered the head of Jamadagni, whom he then restored to life. The remnant of the Kshattriyas, flying before the wrath of Paraśurāma, assumed the guise of Meches and discarded the sacred thread. They multiplied rapidly, and eventually a chief was born whose name was Hidri, and who had twelve children—Pánbar, Phedelá, Aorko Guabar, Fed Fedu, Barihana, Juknabar, Káthya, Baihágu, Meghá, Goratá, Jogui and Dukharu.* These sons founded twelve families and from one of these sprang Hariá Maṇḍal. One day, when his wife Hírā was carrying his mid-day meal to him in the fields, she was met by S'iva, who had assumed the form of Hariá Maṇḍal, and in that guise consumed the food intended for her husband and had intercourse with her. There was some misunderstanding between her and her husband in the evening, but matters were soon put right, for S'iva appeared to Hariá in a dream and informed him that it was he who had eaten his food and taken such liberties with his wife, and stated that as a result of his intimacy with her, a son would be born who would rise to be a mighty chief. To complete the story, the legend adds that the lady was none other than an incarnation of Párvatī, who had been made to take the form of a Mecháni as a punishment for causing S'iva's death by a curse. Ten months later, on the 1st day of the Bihu, the promised son was born, amidst universal rejoicings, and was named Bisu, in commemoration of the time of his birth. By his second wife Jírā or Dhírā, Hariá Maṇḍal himself begot a son, whom he named Sísú.

The *Purushanāma* continues, that in his boyhood Bisú was known as the chief of cowherds. When he grew up, he at once began to extend his father's principality by bringing the country ruled by the

* The occurrence of the number twelve will again be remarked. The *Purushanāma* also speaks of the twelve sons of Sahasra.

Bhuiyás under his power. He defeated the Bhuiyás of Ugurí and Lukí* but was defeated by Cháru Bhuiyá. While wandering about after this defeat, he was met by Párvatí disguised as a Mechání, and following her advice, he again attacked Cháru Bhuiyá at the time of the Baisákh Bihuá, when his soldiers had dispersed for the festival, and thus overcame and killed him and the few soldiers that were left with him. Following up this success, he defeated and slew the Bhuiyás of Phulgurí and Bijni, the former of whom is described as being of the race of S'iva.† He gradually extended his power, and after defeating all the Bhuiyás, went and‡ built a magnificent city in Koch Bihár. He worshipped S'iva and Durgá and gave gifts to the disciples of Vishnu. Other accounts mention that he assumed the Hindú name of Viśva Simha and that his brother S'isú called himself S'iva Simha, while the men of his tribe who accepted Hinduism described themselves as Rájavamsís. He gave alms to the priests, and astrologers, and also to the poor and to the visitors from distant countries. He made S'isú Yuvarája, and appointed twelve ministers from the twelve chief families of the Meches, viz.:—Two councillors (one for foreign and one for internal affairs), a commander of the army, a bráhmín, an astrologer, a physician, a betelnut-bearer, a cook, a store-keeper, an accountant, a thár (prophet) and a porter. He also introduced a regular state organization by appointing *Thakurías* over 20 coolies, *Saikiás* over 100, and *Hazáris* over 1,000, *Umrás* over 3,000, and *Nawábs* over 66,000. Excluding the old and the young, he took an account of his able-bodied male subjects, and found that the number of persons fit to carry arms amounted to no less than 5,225,000. He is said to have possessed numberless elephants, horses, asses, buffaloes, and camels. It is related that he went to make war on the Ahoms, but fell short of provisions on the way, and thinking it wrong to plunder, returned home.§ He was preparing to undertake a second expedition, when Kálí appeared to him and told him not to engage in war himself. She told him instead to marry, and prophesied that he would have eighteen sons, who would conquer the whole world. In accordance with the divine mandate, he married in one day eighteen wives according to the Gandharva ceremony. Two of these wives

* If this account can be relied on, it seems to prove that the Koch Kingdom rose in Kámarúpa and gradually extended itself westwards, instead of beginning in Rañgpur as is generally stated.

† It may be interesting to note that the use of firearms is referred to in the account of his battles with the Bhuiyás.

‡ Guṇábhírāma says that he took from them as tribute muga silk, cotton, copper, tin, lead, silver, gold, iron, potters' clay, &c.,

§ The Ahom version which says that he was defeated and made tributary, is more likely to be the real explanation of his return.

came from Nepál, two from Kámarúpa, one from Kásmíra, four from Benares, three from S'ónitapura (the Modern Tezpur) and two from Mithilá. Ten months later, each of his wives gave birth to a son, the names of whom were Nara Simha, Mallá Deva, who was afterwards known as Nara Náráyaṇa, S'ukladhvaja, Gosáñi Kamala, Maidan, Rám Chandra, Súra Simha, Mána Simha, Mochá, Vṛishaketu, Ráma Náráyaṇa, Ananta, Dípa Simha, Hemadhara, Megha Náráyaṇa, Jagat Chandra, and Sárya.

Being undecided as to who should succeed him, Viśva Simha, following the advice of Sadá Śiva, caused 18 different articles (including gold, silver, iron, earth, &c.) to be tied up in bundles, and asked his sons to bring each one a bundle. Nara Simha brought the bundle of gold, and so was appointed to be ruler of a foreign country. Mallá Deva brought the bundle of earth, and was thus selected to succeed his father as king. S'ukladhvaja, who brought the bundle of iron, was made Yuvarája, while Gosáñi Kamala, because he brought the bundle of wheat, was declared to have for his inheritance unspotted fame and pure glory, and to be destined to construct roads, monasteries and tanks. Minor appointments were allotted to the other sons, according to the contents of their bundles.

Viśva Simha died, after reigning 25 years, of sores brought on by the curse of a Bráhmaṇ,* but before his death, he enjoined his ministers never to get brides for his family from foreign races, but only from amongst the Mech, Koch and Kachári tribes. It is said that he was carried up to heaven from S'ónitanagara in a chariot driven by Nandí, who had been sent to earth by Śiva for this purpose.

Guṇábhiraṁ tells a story which is not referred to in this Purusha-náma. He says that Viśva Simha re-discovered Kámákhyá. The story runs that he went to Niláchala, where he found only a few houses of Meches. No one was at home except one old woman, who was resting under a fig-tree, where there was a mound which she said contained a deity. Viśva Simha prayed that his followers might be caused to arrive, and his prayer was at once granted. He therefore sacrificed a pig and a cock, and resolved, when the country became quiet, to build a golden temple there. He ascertained that the hill was the site of the old temple of Kámákhyá, the ruins of which he discovered, while the image of the goddess herself was dug up from under the mound. Sub-

* He had asked the Bráhmaṇ why people worship the big toe of a Bráhmaṇ, and on being told in reply that it was because it contained white blood, which is the blood of Brahmá, he had his toe pierced through with a chisel. No white blood was seen, but red blood flowed and could not be stopped, and so the Bráhmaṇ died saying, "As you have caused me this pain, so you also shall die of sores."

sequently he re-built the temple, but instead of making it of gold, he placed a gold coin between each brick. He brought Bráhmaṇas from Kannauj, Mithilá, Benares, &c., to perform religious ceremonies at this and other temples: Guṇábhírám adds that in Viśva Simha's time Raṅgalugarh was the eastern boundary of Koch Bihár.

Taking advantage of the absence of Mallá Deva and Sukladhvaja,

Nara Narayana.

who had been sent to Benares to study under a hermit of the name of Brahmánanda, Nara

Simha seized the throne. News of this occurrence was sent to Mallá Deva by his nurse, and he at once returned with Sukladhvaja and defeated Nara Simha, who fled to the Morang country. Mallá Deva and Sukladhvaja defeated the Morang king, and Nara Simha fled to Nepál, but the king of Nepál was similarly defeated, and he then took refuge in Kásmíra. Being unable to cross the passes Mallá Deva gave up the pursuit and returned to his own country. The *Vamśávali* says that Nara Simha subsequently became ruler of Bhotán, and that Pallavas, or local rulers were appointed by him. Their names were Dagar, whose jurisdiction lay in the east; Tongsár in the south; and Páro in the west. Three Jongpons are also mentioned as rulers over Tasirjim, Púrṇakhátá and Undipherá, respectively, and reference is also made to the "great dewan of Dunerkál," the 'lord of correspondence.'

Returning to Mallá Deva and Sukladhvaja, it is stated that on their return Mallá Deva became king and assumed the name of Nara Náráyaṇa. He made Sukladhvaja his Yuvarája, under the name of Śílarái, the king of the kites. He at once began to turn his attention to the extension of his kingdom, and first of all, he determined to carry out the decision formed by his father to conquer the Khoms. Bearing in mind the cause of his father's failure, he first of all arranged for the construction of a road as far as a place called Parasu Kuthar, and this task was entrusted to Gosáñi Kamala. The latter set to work with vigour, and at the end of a year had completed the road, and had also constructed tanks at regular intervals along it.* Nara Náráyaṇa then called in Hindú paṇḍits and astrologers, and, after following the usual Hindú observances, prepared to start. But before doing so, he organized a Kachárá dance on the banks of the Sankosh, and calling in the aid of a Shamanist, went through the aboriginal rites of his tribe, this leaning to his old tribal superstitions being justified in the *Vamśávali* by the statement that Śiva himself had directed him to observe them. He then started. * One night he halted at Tamtumaní, where twelve tribes brought him pre-

* The remains of this road are still visible from North Lakhimpur; the portion which runs through North Kámrúp and the Mangaldai subdivision is still known as the Gosáñi Kamala Kili.

sents, in consequence of which the place was called Bāraḍala. On another occasion he stopped at Bhramarakuṇḍa where he built a fort and a monastery on a hill called Nīl Khāmār, a family of Kachārīs being appointed to attend on Trisūladevī, the goddess of the place. It is said that he fixed the Gosāiṇ Kamala Āli as the boundary north of which the Kachārī, Koch and Mech aboriginal forms of worship should be practised, while south of it Hindú observances were to be followed. Further on he halted at Sīngiri Parbat, and after that on the Bharali.

In the meantime, the Āhom king who had heard of the invasion, summoned a meeting of his councillors, and with their advice, caused an iron goat to be made. This goat he sent to Nara Nārāyaṇa, saying that if he could sever its head from its body at one stroke he should have his kingdom, but not otherwise. Nara Nārāyaṇa offered two goats to Kālī, and then taking a sharp sword struck off the head of the iron goat with such force that the sword buried itself in the earth. On hearing of this, the Āhom king was filled with fear, and fled to Charāi Kharang.* Nara Nārāyaṇa then entered Gaṛhgāoṇ.† Finding that the Āhom king was not disposed to fight, Nara Nārāyaṇa, after halting for a year at Gaṛhgāoṇ sent word to him saying that if he wished to fight he should come prepared, and that if he did not come, and at the same time did not surrender, he would go and attack him at Charāi Kharang. On receiving this message, the Āhom king agreed to acknowledge himself a feudatory of Nara Nārāyaṇa, and sent as hostages a prince named Sundara and twenty families of the Ghar-mātha clan, together with one pot of gold and another of silver, 60 elephants and 60 pieces of cloth.‡

After that the Koch king left Gaṛhgāoṇ and proceeded first to Maraṅg and thence to Demera.

* According to other accounts, including that in Guṇābhirām's *Āsām Burānji*, the Āhom king is said to have for a time averted defeat by sending forward an army of S'ūdras mounted on cows. A similar stratagem is referred to in the *Rājamālā* or *Chronicles of the kings of Tippera*.

† The *Purushanāmu* states that this was formerly the capital of the Chutiya Rājā. The Āhoms were unable to conquer this king and so made peace with him. Their ruler married his daughter, and through her discovered that her father's supremacy was due to the possession of a golden cat. He made his wife steal this for him, and when he had got it, he attacked and killed the Chutiya Rājā, whose sons fled for refuge to the Miri and Miching country.

‡ Sundara and his comrades were subsequently released owing to Sundara having succeeded in worsting Nara Nārāyaṇa in a gambling contest. The Āhom chronicles add that when they returned to their own country, they took back goldsmiths, blacksmiths, and other artizans with them. (Guṇābhirām's *Āsām Burānji* pp. 68 and 117.)

Subsequently he deputed Silarái to go and conquer Harmeśvara, the king of Hidamba or Cachar. It is related that Silarái broke open the gate of the capital with two strokes of his riding whip.* Seeing this, Harmeśvara feared to offer resistance and at once made his submission. He gave 84 elephants and other presents and agreed to pay an annual tribute of 70,000 silver and 1,000 gold mohars and 60 elephants.† The Koch king then sent messengers to the Rájá of Manipur, calling on him to submit and pay tribute, and the Rájá feeling himself too weak to resist so powerful a prince, at once complied with his requisition. His tribute is said to have been fixed at Rupees 20,000, 300 gold coins and ten good elephants. After this Silarái gave battle to the king of Jaintiá and slew him with his own hand. Nara Náráyana set up the deceased Rájá's son as king, after making him promise to pay an annual tribute, and then despatched Silarái to wage war against the king of Tippera. It is said that Silarái's army consisted of 40,000 men, and that in the battle which took place, no fewer than 18,000 men of the Tippera army were slain. The king is said to have met his death, like the king of Jaintiá, at the hands of Silarái himself. Nara Náráyana placed the deceased king's brother upon the vacant throne, and made him pay tribute to the extent of Rs. 10,000, one hundred gold mohars and thirty war horses. In the meantime, Viryavanta the Rájá of Khairam, having heard of Nara Náráyana's prowess and wishing to avoid the fate which had overtaken the kings of Jaintiá and Tippera, hastened to make submission. His tribute was fixed at 15,000 Rupees, 900 gold coins, 50 horses and 30 elephants. He was also made to promise not to stamp coins in his own name, but in that of Nara Náráyana.‡ The next victory was over the Rájá of Dimuriá who was taken prisoner, but was subsequently released on his undertaking to pay an annual tribute of Rs. 7,000. In the course of this expedition, Nara Náráyana is said to have straightened the course of the Brahmaputra opposite Páñdunátha, a place near the foot of the Niláchal hill, some four miles west of Gauháti. After stopping some time at a village

* Other similar feats are attributed to Silarái. On one occasion he is said to have leapt over the Bharali river on the back of his war horse.

† This story of the invasion of Cachar by Nara Náráyana is confirmed by a tradition current amongst the Deháns, a small tribe of that district, who claim to be descended from the Koches who invaded the district. According to their account, however, the leader of the expedition was not Silarái, but his brother Gosáñi Kamala.

‡ No coins of this king have as yet been found, and the earliest coin of the Rájás of Jaintiá which I have seen is dated more than a hundred years later. Excluding Ahom coins, the only extant coins of this period stamped by kings in Assam are those issued by Nara Náráyana and his successors.

named Rohá, Nara Náráyaṇa determined to attack the king of Sirathá (Sylhet), whose kingdom is described as being near Jaintiá, and who is said to have been a very powerful prince. Messengers were sent calling upon him to submit, but this he refused to do, and Silarái was accordingly despatched with a strong force to overcome him. He met the army of the Sylhet king, and a battle took place which lasted three days. At the end of this time as the scales of victory still hung in the balance, Silarái became impatient, and so seizing his sword and shield, he rushed forward like the kite, from which he took his name, and attacked the hostile army. It is related that 100,000 soldiers fell before his all-destroying sword, and that at last the king of Sylhet himself was slain. The king's brother Asirái then tendered his submission and returned with Silarái to the court of Nara Náráyaṇa, who appointed him king in the place of his brother and fixed his tribute at 100 elephants, 200 horses, 300,000 Rupees and 10,000 gold coins.*

Being thus victorious in three directions, Nara Náráyaṇa determined to invade the kingdom of Gauṛ (Gauḍa). Before doing so, he visited the temple of Kámákhyá, which he found in ruins. He intended to rebuild it, but being possessed by Śani (or the planet Saturn) he postponed this pious act until after his proposed expedition. This incensed the goddess against him, and his army, which was led by Silarái, was defeated by the Pasha of Gauṛ, after a fight which lasted for ten days. Silarái himself performed prodigies of valour, and after his weapons had been broken he disdained to fly, and so continued to fight with rushes until they also were exhausted, and he was taken prisoner. Subsequently, through the favour of Káli, he succeeded in curing the Pasha's mother, who had been bitten by a snake which had been sent into her presence by Silarái in the form of a rope. In return for this cure, Silarái was released,† and the Ganges was fixed as the boundary between the two kingdoms.

On his return home, he and his brother at once set about the erection of the Kámákhyá temple.‡ Twice they erected a temple of stone, and each time it fell in a night. Then Párvatí appeared in a dream and

* Sylhet was conquered by the Musalmáns in 1384 A. D., but may have been temporarily independent at the period here referred to, which was a troublous one in Bengal. Or it may be that the king of Sylhet here referred to was the ruler of Láur, who long continued to maintain his independence of the Musalmán invaders.

† An inscription within the temple records its erection by Silarái during the reign of his brother Nara Náráyaṇa. This inscription which bears date 1487 Ś'ak. (1565 A. D.) will be referred to again further on. Other accounts say that the temple took ten years to build. (*Guṇábhírám's Áśám Buranjí* page 68.)

said that the Musalmāns had destroyed the old stone temple, and as it was now the Kali Yuga, the new one should be constructed of bricks. The brick temple, was constructed in six months, and then Nara Nārāyaṇa consecrated it with numerous sacrifices, including 140 men, whose heads he offered to the goddess on copper plates.* He made a grant of land for the maintenance of the shrine, and gave away alms to the extent of Rs. 25,000. He also caused a statue of himself to be made and placed within the temple.† At this time he caused roads, monasteries and tanks to be constructed, and trees to be planted. Under his auspices the Śāstras were published and the Ratnamālā was composed, and even the common people were made to study religious books. Śāktism was the State religion, but Vaiṣṇavism was more than tolerated, and great honour was done to Saṅkara Deva, Deva Dāmodara, and other Vaiṣṇava divines. The country enjoyed a period of peace and religion, and trade thrived exceedingly.

Two years later, the Gauṛ Pasha's mother died, and Nara Nārāyaṇa then combined with Akbar to attack him, Silarāi invaded his kingdom with an army from the east, while Rājā Mān Siṅgh, who was in command of the Imperial army, advanced upon him from the west.

The ruler of Gauṛ being thus attacked from two sides at the same time was easily defeated, and his kingdom was then divided between the Koch king and the Emperor of Delhi. The Pasha himself fled to the country of the Feringhis.

While engaged on this expedition, news came from the capital that a son had been born to Silarāi.‡ The latter, however, was destined never to see him. He was attacked by small-pox and died on the banks of the Ganges, after enjoining his brother Nara Nārāyaṇa to take care of his boy. Nara Nārāyaṇa performed the funeral ceremonies with great pomp, and at the conclusion sacrificed a bull.

After Silarāi's death, a long period of peace ensued, during which the people enjoyed great prosperity, while Nara Nārāyaṇa gave such encouragement to religion that he became known as "the pious king."

* The offering of human sacrifices was by no means uncommon among the Śāktas of former times. Similar sacrifices were frequently offered at Sadiyā, and at Beltola in Kāmṛup, and it was the abduction of four British subjects for this purpose which led to the annexation of Jaintiā in 1835.

† Two statues, said to represent Nara Nārāyaṇa and Silarāi, are still to be seen within the temple. An older figure carved in the rock on the road leading up to it is said to represent Naraka, the first-recorded guardian of the shrine.

‡ It is related that in honour of this event grants of Brahmottar land were made in the village of Chinakonā (in the Maṅgaldāi sub-division.) This grant still exists.

In the meantime Silarái's son, whose name was Raghu Rái, was growing up. He was a great favourite with the king, and when he attained the age of 16, two girls were given to him as wives. It is added that subsequently the number of his wives reached 120.

Shortly after Raghu Rái's marriage, Nara Náráyana himself was at last blessed with a son, to whom he gave the name of Lakshmi Náráyana.* Up to this time, Raghu Rái had lived in hopes of succeeding his uncle; but hearing that he was now likely to be passed over in favour of the latter's own son, he left the capital with a small following, and settled down at Baranagara, or Vijayanagar, where he excavated a tank and built a town called Ghilajaipur. Nara Náráyana sent a messenger, named Para Kárji, to recall him; but he refused to return, and when Kárji invested the place in order to seize him, he fought with, and defeated him. On hearing of this, it is related that Nara Náráyana professed to be pleased at his nephew's prowess, and as an acknowledgment thereof, sent him his wives, together with a large amount of money and jewels from the royal treasure-chest. A few months later, a heavy flood occurred, and taking advantage of it, Raghu made an expedition in boats and raided Bair Baku. When Nara Náráyana heard of this, he went with an army to chastise him, but was prevented from attacking him by Raghu sending his 120 wives to attack Nara Náráyana's army. When the latter heard of this, he determined not to fight and so came to terms.

The kingdom was divided into two parts, and it was settled that Raghu should rule the country east of the Sankosh and that Lakshmi should succeed his father as Rájá of the country west of that river. Raghu continued to reside at Baranagara. He visited five places of pilgrimage,—Gaṇeśa, Kedára, Gokarna, Garṇa, and Kámesvara; and rebuilt the Manikúṭa Temple, which had been broken by the Musalmáns.† He endowed it with grants of land, and when it was finished, he sacrificed at the shrine 700 men, whose heads he offered to the goddess in copper plates. He had a large number of sons, including Parikshit, Indra Náráyana, Jádurái, Bali Náráyana, and Mána Simha. He is said to have been devoted to religion and to have made liberal gifts to Brahmáns. It is related that he buried 30,00,000 Rs. under the staircase of his palace. In the end he was killed by a demon (*daitya*) sent by an ascetic whose company he had exhorted his son Parikshit to eschew.

* It is said that Nara Náráyana married Kamala-priyá, the daughter of Saṅkara Deva's brother Rám Rái. According to other accounts, however, it was Silarái who married her.

† This is the Hayagríva Temple at Hájo, which stands on the hill called Maṇi. An inscription in the temple, dated 1588 A. D., mentions Raghu Deva as the king under whose orders it was re-built.

Paríkshit, on the death of his father, went to Prágjyotishapura and worshipped three times at Kámákhyá. An astronomer attached to the temple foretold that unless he became king within two days, he would not get the kingdom for twelve years, and he accordingly set sail and proceeded with all haste to Baṇanagara, where he was hailed^{*} as king. It is said that his boatmen were so exhausted by their exertions that on arriving they all lay as if dead, and were only brought back to life by the tender ministrations of 140 girls (sent for the purpose by Paríkshit) who anointed their bodies with oil and acid fruits, and then passed the night with them. Next morning, says the *Vamśávali* each boatman was married to the girl with whom he had slept. Paríkshit is said to have built a town where North Gauháṭi now stands, and to have mounted cannon at Paṇḍunátha, which were still in position at the time when the *Vamśávali* was composed. Subsequently war broke out between Paríkshit and Lakshmi Náráyaṇa, and the latter being worsted, went to Delhi, and giving his sister to the Emperor in marriage, implored him to send an army to his assistance.

In accordance with his request, Paṭansubha and Mukarram Khán were sent against Paríkshit. Paríkshit was defeated and then entrenched himself in a fort which he built on the banks of the Sankosh, which the Musalmáns besieged for a year without success. They then resorted to stratagem, and by floating rafts of plantain trees down the river by night, made Paríkshit believe that they had crossed it and were marching on his capital. Under this impression, he abandoned his intrenchments and hurried back to Vijayanagara.

In the meantime his brother Bali Náráyaṇa, after taking refuge for a year with a Bára Bhuiyá family residing at Maniári village in Darang, went to the Ahom king, Svarga Náráyaṇa, and invoked his aid against the Musalmáns. The latter took the field with a large army, and defeated the Musalmáns, who fled across the Karatoyá. Svarga Náráyaṇa then placed Bali Náráyaṇa, whom he re-named Dharma Náráyaṇa, in charge of the conquered country, the boundaries being on the east the Bharali, on the west the Karatoyá, on the north the Gomiri mountains, and on the south the hills of Siri.

COMPARISON OF THE VAMŚÁVALI WITH OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

Thus far the *Vamśávali* of Rájá Lakhshmi Náráyaṇa Kuar. I now refer briefly to other accounts of the events with which it deals.* And first of all, as to the parentage of Bisu and Sisu.

The rise of the Koch dynasty.

* Minor points in which other accounts corroborate it, have been noted *passim* in the abstract of the *Vamśávali* given above.

Rájá Prasiddha Náráyaṇa's *Vaṁśávali* agrees with it in all particulars, and the account given by Guṇábhírám in his *Áśm Buranji* is also practically the same. In the latter, however, Hájo is mentioned as the father of Hírā and Jírā; it does not appear from his account that either of them had a husband, and Śiva is said to have been the father of Sisu as well as of Bísu. Buchanan Hamilton says that Hájo Koch had two daughters, Hírā and Jírā, of whom the former was married to Hariyá Mech. She had a son, Bísu, while her sister (whose husband is not mentioned) had a son, Sisu. He adds that Śiva was claimed as the progenitor of both Bísu and Sisu. The Raikat family of Baikunṭhpur claim to be descended from Sisu, and over that he was the brother and not the cousin of Bísu. Another account says that Chandan and Madan were the children of Hariyá Mech by his wife Jírā and that Sísu and Bísu were born of his wife Hírā by the god Śiva.*

From these accounts we may, I think, conclude that Sísu and Bísu were the children of Hariyá Mech by his wives Hírā and Jírā, and that the latter were daughters of Hájo, who was of the Koch tribe, a fact which is proved not only by the authorities mentioned above, but also by the fact that the existing representatives of the family still describe themselves as "Koch," and by the Musalmán names for the country, Koch Bihár and Koch Hájo. Ralph Filch also refers to Sukladhvaja as Shukl Koch. There is not sufficient evidence for assuming that Chandan and Madan belonged to this family.

There is less unanimity regarding the kings by whom the Koch kingdom was consolidated and extended and the period at which it was divided into two parts.

The division of the country into two kingdoms.

According to Buchanan Hamilton†, it was Hájo who founded the kingdom, and Viśva Simha who divided it into two parts, giving the position east of the Sankosh to Sukladhvaja and the position west of that river to Nara Náráyaṇa. The same version is given in the family history of the Rájás of Bijñí. Other authorities however, agree with Rájá Lakshmí Náráyaṇa's *Vaṁśávali*. Bábu Rám Chandra Ghosh, to whose lecture reference has already been made, says that Nara Náráyaṇa "with the assistance and advice of his younger brother Sukladhvaja, "otherwise called Silarái, extended his kingdom in all directions. He "conquered the whole of Kámarúpa and carried off in triumph the "chhattra or umbrella of the king of Assam. The king gave to his elder

* Lecture delivered by Bábu Rám Chandra Ghosh before the Koch Bihár Hitaishiní Sabhá, and printed in Calcutta at the expense of the Ráj in 1865.

† Hunter's Statistical Account of Raṅgpur, page 351.

"brother, Nara Simha, the pargana of Paṅgá; and to his younger brother "Sukladhvaja, together with the title of Rájá, he gave Bijní, Darrang, "Bentalí (*sic*, Beltola?) and the northern part of the Kámákhya "kshetra."

In Biśveśvar's *Āśm Buranjī*, the agreement is still greater. He says: "Rájá Nara Náráyaṇa, having no male issue, determined to appoint "his nephew Raghu Deva as his successor. When old, he had a son, and "Raghu Deva became hopeless. The latter therefore, quitted one day the "palace, under the pretext of going a hunting, but the Rájá, in order "to console him, allotted to him a portion of the Ráj."

The account given by Guṇábhírám on pages 59-71 of his *Āśm Buranjī* also confirms that contained in the *Vaṁśávali*, and so does the allusion to the conquest of Garhgáoñ in the Ahom chronicles, and also the Musalmán version of the events dealt with in the *Vaṁśávali* as described in the *Akbarnámah*, except that in the latter, Raghu's rebellion is said to have taken place on the death of Nara Náráyaṇa, and not during his life time.*

In addition, we have contemporaneous evidence in the shape of two inscriptions, one of which is inside the Kámákhya temple and the other in the temple of Hayagríva at Hájo. The former runs as follows:

"Glory be to king Malládeva, who by virtue of his mercy, is kind to the people; "who in archery is like Arjuna, and in charity like Dadhíchi and Karṇa; he is "like an ocean of all goodness, and he is versed in many śástras; his character is "excellent, in beauty he is as bright as Kandarpa; he is a worshipper of Kámá- "khyá. His younger brother Sukladeva built this temple of bright stones on the "Níla hillock, for the worship of the goddess Durgá, in 1487 Saka (1565 A. D.). "His beloved brother Sukladhvaja again, with universal fame, the crown of the "greatest heroes, who like the fabulous Kalpataru, gave all that was devoutly asked "of him, the chief of all devotees of the goddess, constructed this beautiful "temple with heaps of stones on the Níla hill in 1487 Saka."

Amongst the stone figures in the interior of this temple are two which are said to represent Malládeva and his brother Sukladhvaja.

The inscription inside the temple of Hayagríva may be translated thus:—

"There was a ruler of the earth named Viśva Simha; his illustrious son, the "most wise king Malládeva, was a conqueror of all enemies. In gravity and "liberality and for heroism he had a great reputation, and he was purified by "religious deeds. After him was born his brother Sukladhvaja who subdued

* It may be explained here that Muhammadan historians refer to the countries ruled by Parikshit and Lakshmi Náráyaṇa as Koch Hájo and Koch Bihár respectively. Nara Náráyaṇa was known to the Musalmáns as Bál Gosaiñ, and Sukladhvaja as Shukl Gosaiñ.

"many countries. The son of this Sukladhvaja was king Raghudeva, who was like the greatest man of the Raghu race: his glories spread out in all directions; the lord of Kámarúpa, in obedience to the order of destiny, is the slayer of the wicked, who was like water to the flames of the fire of sorrow of the vast populace. Of the seeds of Sukladhvaja, a king was born of the name of Raghudeva, who consoles innumerable persons, and is a worshipper of the feet of Krishna; the king coming of age had a temple built on the hillock called Mañi hillock, in 1505 Saka (1583 A. D.) The most skilful and efficient artisan Śrīdhara himself built it."

Apart from the authorities quoted in favour of the version given in the *Vaṁśávali*, it seems probable that that version is correct; first, because it is far more detailed than any other, and secondly, because it is the version given by the descendants of Śilarái who would not have been likely to represent him as a subject of Nara Náráyaṇa if he had really been an independent prince. We may, therefore, accept the story as told in the *Vaṁśávali* as substantially correct.

The only alternative to accepting the version given in the *Vaṁśávali* is by supposing Śilarái to have outlived his brother and to have rebelled when Lakshmi Náráyaṇa succeeded him. This is the version given in the *Akbar-námah* (J. A. S. B. 1872, page 53), and if correct would simplify the meaning of the inscription in the temple at Hájo. The account given in the *Vaṁśávali* is however, so circumstantial that, in the absence of further evidence, it seems impossible to gainsay it.

MUSALMÁN INVASIONS DURING THE PERIOD DEALT WITH IN THE VAṂŚÁVALI.

The *Vaṁśávali* says very little about the relations of the Koch kings with the Musalmáns, and it will therefore be useful to supplement it in this respect by accounts drawn from other sources.

And first should be mentioned the invasion of Kálá Páhár, otherwise known as Rájú, which took place in 1553 A. D. It is said that Nara Náráyaṇa was afraid to fight him, and allowed him to pass up the Brahmaputra unmolested. He was a convert from Hinduism, and like all apostates, was a zealous persecutor of the faith which he had before professed, so that his name is remembered to this day, both in Assam and Orissa, as the arch destroyer of temples and images. To him is attributed the destruction of the old temples at Kámákhyá and Hájo, but beyond these acts of sacrilege, he appears to have left no mark in the country. His invasion is not referred to in the *Vaṁśávali*, except incidentally in the statement that Nara Náráyaṇa rebuilt Kámákhyá "which the wicked Musalmáns had destroyed.*"

* I have not referred in the text to the narrative of Ralph Fitch who visited Koch Bihár between 1563 and 1581, and states that the king then ruling was

Another incident not mentioned in the *Vamsāvali* is that related in the following extract from the *Akbarnāmah* :—

“To the events of this time (1578 A. D.) belongs the arrival of the *Peshkash* from Bengal and Koch Bihār. Raja Bāl Gosaiñ (Nara Nārāyaṇa) who is Zamindār of Koch, submitted again, and sent valuable presents from Bengal, with 54 elephants.”

On the other hand, the Musalmān historians of the period make no mention of the assistance said to have been rendered by Nara Nārāyaṇa in the subjugation of Dāūd Shāh.

The *Akbarnāmah* tells us that when hostilities broke out between Lakshmī Nārāyaṇa and the ruler of the eastern Koch kingdom, the former made his submission to the Emperor and met Rājā Mān Siṅgh at Anandapur. It is added that he gave his daughter in marriage to the latter, and not to the Emperor as stated in the *Vamsāvali*.

In the *Tūzuk i Jahāngirī* it is stated that, in 1618 A. D., Lakshmī Nārāyaṇa paid his respects personally at court in Gujrāt and presented a *nazzar* of 500 mohars.

The invasion of Parīkshit's kingdom however, is attributed, not to the initiation of Lakshmī Nārāyaṇa, but to a complaint made by Raghunātha, the Zamindār of Sosang, whose family Parīkshit had imprisoned.

The *Pādishāhnāmah* contains a full account of the invasion which followed. The following abridgment is taken from the translation given by Blochmann in the J. A. S. B. for 1872 (pages 53–62). Mukarram Khān invaded Koch Hajo with 6,000 horse, 12,000 foot and 500 ships, and took Parīkshit's fort at Dhubrī, at which place he halted

named Suikel Conse (Sukl Koch or Sukladhvaja), because the part of the kingdom which he visited was west of the Sankosh (cf. Blochmann, J. A. S. B., page 240), and this part has never been claimed as having at any time belonged to S'ukladhvaja or his descendants. It is clear, therefore, that there must be some mistake, and as Sukladhvaja was a far more prominent man than his elder brother, the real king, it is not unlikely that Ralph Fitch thought that he was the ruler *de jure* as well *de facto*. Or it may be, that Ralph Fitch's visit took place during the year for which, according to Guṇābhīrām, Nara Nārāyaṇa left his kingdom in charge of Silarāi and wandered about in disguise, in order to avoid the disaster which it was supposed would ensue from the influence of the planet Saturn, under which the astrologers asserted that he had had the misfortune to come. The story of his temporary abdication is not improbable, as the Gapaks have always exercised almost unlimited power over credulous converts to Hinduism, and we have an exact parallel in Khom history in the case of the king Sīva Siṅha, who abdicated in 1720 A. D. in favour of his wife Phūlēsvārī, in consequence of an adverse prediction by the astrologers attached to his court.

* Lucknow edition, III, page 207.

during the rains. Parikshit was defeated in a naval engagement in the Gajádhar river and retreated, first to Khelah and afterwards to Budhnagar on the Manás, where he at last surrendered, and by the Emperor Jahángir's orders, was sent to Court. His brother Bali Náráyana, or Baldeo, as he is called by the Musalmán historian, fled to the Ahom king.

The Musalmáns proceeded, under Sayyad Hakím and Sayyad Abá Baqr, to invade the country of the Ahoms, but were destroyed in a night attack. A fuller account of this invasion is contained in the Ahom chronicles, where it is stated that the Musalmáns proceeded as far as Bishpunáth. They were at first victorious and took many captives, but were subsequently defeated by the Ahoms, who had called in the aid of the Kacháris of Kháspur. The cause of the invasion is said to have been the murder by the Ahom garrison, at Koliabar, of a Muhammadan trader who was suspected of being a spy. It is stated that Abá Baqr (who is called Bábákar in the Ahom *Buranji*) and his son Ghiyásu'd-dín were slain in the battle, and that the body of the latter was taken back to Hájo and buried there.*

The *Pádisháhnámah* continues that Bali Náráyana† then persuaded

* Guṇábhírám says that this invasion is described in the *Guru Bhatima*, a collection of hymns written shortly after the time of the occurrence by Saṅkar Deva and his disciple and successor, Mádhava. I have not been able to procure a complete collection of these hymns, but in a selection of them published by Haribílás Gupta, the only Musalmán invasion referred to (page 79) is one in which the ruler of Gauṛ is said to have been utterly defeated by Nara Náráyana. In this account, the destruction of images is not mentioned, and it is possible that some other invasion is referred to.

† The Ahoms called him Dharma Náráyana. In Ahom histories it is said that Bali Narayan or Raghu Dova (accounts differ) gave the daughter of the latter—Maṅgaldái by name—to Pratápa Simha in marriage. Maṅgaldái town and river are said to be named after this princess.

Ghiyásu'd-dín is said to have been a very pious and learned man, and the sanctity attaching to his tomb was consequently so great, that it became a very sacred place in the eyes of the Musalmáns, and was accordingly known as Powa Mekka. The origin of this name is differently accounted for by a writer in the *Calcutta Review* of 1867. He says that after the death of Husain Shah's son, Dányál. Sulṭán Ghiyásu'd-dín succeeded him, and brought a colony of Musalmáns to Hájo and made large assignments of lands for religious purposes. He resolved to build a grand mosque at Hájo, and brought earth from Mekka to give additional sanctity to the place. He died however before completing the mosque, and was buried under the holy earth. It is not known from what source this writer derived his information, but it seems on the face of it more probable than the other story, as it is hard to believe that a vanquished army would carry a corpse so great a distance as from Bishpunáth to Hajo. On the other hand, it is unlikely that Musalmáns re-

the Ahoms to invade Hájo, and the latter agreed and sent him thither with an army. He retook Darrang, and reinforcing his army by some discontented Musalmán Jágírdárs of Hájo, seized also pergunas Luki and Bháomanti, and finally attacked 'Abdu's-salám, the Musalmán Governor of the country.

It is not stated how long these events took, but it would appear from other sources of information, that a considerable time must have elapsed between the retaking of Darrang and the attack on 'Abdu's-salám which led, as will be noted further on, to the defeat and death of Bali Náráyana.

The defeat of Paríkshit is stated to have taken place in 1614 A. D. and the final overthrow of Bali Náráyana in 1637. The Ahom chronicles place the defeat of Abá Baqr in 1549 Sak or 1627 A. D. and state that his army was pursued and the Ahom rule extended as far as Ganháti, and that Bali was set up as a tributary of the Ahoms in Darrang and Gaja Náráyana, brother of the latter, at Beltolá. Subsequently, it is stated, Pratápa Simha became lord paramount of the Rájás of Rání, Luki, Mairápur, and other places. These events must have taken time to bring about, and it may therefore, I think, be assumed that Bali became ruler in Darrang at least, if not also in part of Kámrúp, immediately after Abá Baqr's defeat in 1672, so that he ruled there for ten years before his final conflict with the Musalmáns.*

On being attacked by Bali, 'Abdu's-salám reported matters to Islám Khán, Governor of Bengal. Reinforcements were at once sent to him, but owing to the treachery of Sattrajit, the Thánádár of Páñdu, the dispositions of the Musalmáns were not as effective as they might otherwise have been. In several engagements in the neighbourhood of Páñdú, however, success remained with the Muhammadan army.

Subsequently, as 'Abdu's-salám was moving his fleet from Srighát towards Hájo, he was attacked at night by the Ahom fleet which numbered 500 ships. Sattrajit took the first opportunity to retire with his fleet, and the Musalmáns were beaten. Bali Náráyana followed up this success by laying siege to Hájo, and after cutting off his supplies, forced 'Abdu's-salám to treat. The latter went with his brother to the hostile camp, where he was at once seized and sent off to Garhgáoñ.

remained at Hájo after prince Dányál's defeat, as Viśva Simha was then rapidly rising to power. Besides, the *Fatḥiyah* i *Tbriyah* says that the whole of that prince's army was killed or captured. (J. A. S. B. 1872, page 79.)

* In *Guṇábhírám's Áśám Buranjí* it is said that Bali Náráyana fixed his capital at Maṅgaldáí in Darrang, and ruled well.

The Musalmáns then tried to force their way through the enemy, but were all cut up in the attempt.

In the meantime, Paríkshit's son Chandra Náráyaṇa, who had established himself with 6,000 or 7,000 Ahoms and Koches at Karaibárá, was attacked by the troops left at Śrighát and forced to retreat to pargana Solmárá. He was killed shortly afterwards. The Musalmáns then marched to Dhubrī where they found and arrested Sattrajit, who was subsequently executed for his treachery, and thence proceeded to Jogighopá, at which place as well as at Hírápúr on the opposite bank of the Brahmaputra, Bali Náráyaṇa had erected strong fortifications, his fleet being anchored between the two forts. They were harassed on their way by the enemy's troops, but drove them off, and after several assaults, they forced Bali Náráyaṇa to retreat, and followed him across the Manás river. He retreated to Budhnagar where he threw up a strong entrenchment, but withdrew to Chothri on hearing that Muḥammad Żamán was marching against him with a strong detachment, under the guidance of Uttama Náráyaṇa, the son of Sardárbar, Zamindár of Budhnagar, who was well acquainted with the country.

This detachment halted at Bishunpur for the rains, but was shortly afterwards attacked by Bali Náráyaṇa, who had received reinforcements which brought the strength of his army up to 40,000 men. He threw up fortifications at the Kalápáni river, about three miles from Bishunpur, behind which he encamped on a well-selected site, protected by rising ground, a river difficult to cross, and dense jungle. From this vantage ground he harassed the Musalmáns by repeated night attacks.

At the close of the rains, in spite of Bali Náráyaṇa's efforts to prevent it, a junction was effected between the detachment at Bishunpur and the main body of the Musalmán army, which had spent the rains at Chandankoṭ. Having united their forces they attacked and defeated Bali Náráyaṇa, who fled to Darrang. A son of the Ahom king was taken prisoner in this battle and was put to death together with all the other prisoners. The Ahom forts at Páṇḍu and Śrighát were then taken together with 500 war sloops and 300 guns, and Koch Hájo again became a Musalmán province. Fort Kajlí (at the junction of the Kallang and the Brahmaputra) was also taken, and a detachment was sent to Darrang to hunt down Bali Náráyaṇa who fled to Siṅgiri, where he and his two sons shortly afterwards died. Gauháṭi was selected as the seat of Government of the Musalmán proconsul, and a financial settlement of the country was effected.

As already stated, the final overthrow of Bali Náráyaṇa is said to have taken place in 1637 A. D. Strange to say no mention of this struggle is made in any local history.

DATES OF THE KINGS MENTIONED IN THE *VAMŚÁVALI*.

Rájá Lakshmi Náráyaṇa's *Vamśávali* mentions only one date—that of the erection of the Kámákyá temple, and it is not very easy to fix the exact dates of the kings to whom it refers. Some dates are given in the *Vamśávali* of Prasiddha Náráyaṇa, in Guṇábhírám's *Āśám Buranji*, in Buchanan Hamilton's account of Raṅgpur and elsewhere,* but these authorities often differ amongst themselves, and it is therefore necessary to examine the matter in some detail.

It will perhaps be easiest to arrive at the truth by dealing in the first instance with the dates of Rájá Nara Náráyaṇa. Three different dates are assigned for the time when he ascended the throne in succession to his father Viśva Simha, viz., 1528 A. D. by Guṇábhírám, 1534 in Prasiddha Náráyaṇa's *Vamśávali*, and 1555 by Bábu Rám Chandra Ghosh.

His death is said to have occurred in 1584 A. D., and Prasiddha Náráyaṇa's *Vamśávali* and Guṇábhírám's *Āśám Buranji* agree in fixing 1581 as the date of Raghu's accession to power in the eastern part of the old Koch kingdom, while the inscription in the Hayagríva temple at Hájo, which was built during his reign and bears date 1583 A. D., helps to confirm this as the date of the division of the kingdom.

It is recorded in the *Akbarnámah* that Lakshmi Náráyaṇa who had then succeeded his father, made his submission to the Delhi Emperor and paid his respects to Raja Mán Singh in 1596 A. D. On the other hand, the Musalmán historians refer to Nara Náráyaṇa as still reigning in 1578.† It is thus certain that Nara Náráyaṇa died between 1573 and 1596 A. D. and we may therefore, I think, confidently accept 1584 as the approximate date of his death.‡

* I do not refer to the dates given in the manuscript copy of the Yoginí Tantra in the possession of a Bráhmaṇ of Haulí Mohanpur, as it appears that they are not trustworthy, so far as these earlier kings are concerned. Prior to the accession of Mahendra Náráyaṇa in 1660, only four dates are given, viz., the erection of Hájo and Kámákyá and the accessions of Viśva Singh and Raghu Deva. The two former, which could always be ascertained from the inscriptions in the temples themselves are correct, but the two latter—1495 A. D. and 1555 A. D. are obviously wrong. It seems probable that the collection of dates in this volume was not commenced until long after the time of these two kings, and that when it was undertaken, their dates were filled in by guess work.

† Blochmann, J. A. S. B. 1872, page 53.

‡ Blochmann, J. A. S. B. 1875, page 306. The name of the ruler mentioned in the Musalmán account is Bál Gosaiñ, but this is clearly only another name for Nara Náráyaṇa. Blochmann says that Bál Gosaiñ was the son of Nara Náráyaṇa and father of Lakshmi Náráyaṇa, but this must be a mistake, as neither in the very full account contained in the *Vamśávali* nor in any other local narrative, is mention made of any

It is less easy to come to a definite conclusion regarding the date of his accession. According to the *Varṇśāvali* of Prasiddha Nārāyaṇa, this took place in 1534; Guṇābhirām following Bisveśvar places it in 1528 and Bābū Rām Chandra Ghosh in 1555 A. D.* The last mentioned date may be at once rejected, on the testimony of a silver coin of this king which was found some years ago in the Gāro Hills and published in the J. A. S. B. for 1875, page 306.† This coin is dated 1477 S'ak (1555 A. D.), or the very year fixed for Nara Nārāyaṇa's accession by Bābū Rām Chandra, and as he had to fight with his brother Nara Simha before obtaining the throne, it is extremely unlikely that he began to issue coins in the very first year of his reign. It is much more likely that the time when this money was coined, formed the second period in his reign, namely, the interval of peace which followed his earlier expeditions and preceded the second war against the ruler of Gauṛ.

Perhaps the best way of arriving at the probable date of his succession will be to calculate it from several independent data, and then to strike an average. The *Akbar-nāmah* says that his son was born when he was fifty years of age. As the latter ascended the throne on his father's death without, it would appear, the help of guardians, he cannot at that time have been less than 15 years of age. On this calculation Nara Nārāyaṇa must have been born in 1519 A. D., and as he was still a student when his father died, he cannot at that time have been much more than 15 years of age. This would bring his accession to 1534 A. D., which is the very date mentioned in Prasiddha Nārāyaṇa's *Varṇśāvali*.

Another way of arriving at the probable date of his succession is by calculating what time would be required for the different events referred to in the history of his reign, which occurred prior to the erection of Kāmākhyā temple, the date of which (1565 A. D.) is known to us by the inscription in the temple itself and by the concurrent testimony of Prasiddha Nārāyaṇa's *Varṇśāvali*, and the manuscript edition

ruler between Nara Nārāyaṇa and Lakshmi, and all alike agree in saying that the latter was the son of the former. Besides Blochmann says that the brother of Bāl Gosaiṇ was Sukl Gosaiṇ, who can be none other than Sukladhvaja. In his notice of the *Akbar-nāmah* (J. A. S. B. 1872, page 52) he quotes a passage which says that Bāl Gosaiṇ lived the life of an ascetic and did not marry until he was 50 years old, when he took a wife by whom he had a son named Lakshmi Nārāyaṇa. Lastly, on page 100 of the number of the *Journal* just quoted, Blochmann himself, in a footnote, explains that Nara Nārāyaṇa is called Bāl Gosaiṇ in the *Akbar-nāmah*.

* Statistical Account of Koch Bihār, page 407.

† A similar coin of Nara Nārāyaṇa bearing the same date had been previously published in J. A. S. B. 1866, page 547, by Rajendralāla Mitra.

of the Yoginī Tantra in the possession of the Bráhmaṇ of Hauḷī Mohanpur.

Briefly these events are :—

- (1.) Expulsion and pursuit of Nara Simha. *
- (2.) Construction of Gosaiñ Kamala Āli. This is said to have taken a year to make, but the real time it took was probably considerably longer.
- (3.) Invasion of the Āhom kingdom. The Āhom chronicles mention at least two expeditions, and the *Vamśávali* relates that Nara Náráyaṇa remained a year at Garhgáoñ before the Āhom king submitted.
- (4.) Conquest of Híramba or Cachar.
- (5.) War with the king of Jaintiá.
- (6.) War with the king of Tipperah.
- (7.) War with the king of Dimaruá.
- (8.) War with the king of Sylhet.
- (9.) War with the ruler of Gaur.
- (10.) Silarái's detention at Gaur.
- (11.) Erection of Kámákhya. According to the *Vamśávali* this was carried out in six months, but other accounts say that the temple took ten years to build.

It is difficult to arrive at any exact conclusion as to the time which these events occupied, but bearing in mind the difficulties of locomotion at that time, and the fact that between each war it would probably be necessary for the Rájá to spend some time attending to the internal affairs of his kingdom and consolidating his rule, I do not think it would be safe to allow a smaller period than 30 years for these occurrences. Deducting this period from the date of the erection of Kámákhya, we get 1535 A. D., as the date of his accession, which is again very nearly the date quoted in Prasiddha Náráyaṇa's *Vamśávali*. On the other hand, the Āhom chronicles fix 1562 as the date of his invasion of their country, and as this is one of the earliest events of his reign as recorded in the *Purushanámah*, it would seem that his reign could not have commenced long before that date. As, however, it is certain that Kámákhya was rebuilt in 1565, and all the intervening events could not possibly have occurred within the short space of three years, it is clear either that this date is incorrect or else that the *Vamśávali* does not record events in their historical sequence. On the whole the weight of the evidence seems to show that Nara Náráyaṇa came to the throne in 1534 A. D., or soon afterwards.

The same dates, of course, represent the conclusion of Viśva Simha's reign. As regards its commencement it will be remembered that Nilámbara was over-

Viśva Simha's dates.

thrown by Husain Shāh in 1498 A. D., and that afterwards Chandana and Madana reigned for a few years at Marālávāsa, a place some 20 miles north of Kamāthapura. If, therefore, Chandana and Madana ruled the whole of the country formerly under the sway of the Khyen Rājās, it would be impossible for Viśva Simha to have begun to rule before 1515–1520 A. D. It has, however, already been shown that after the fall of Nilāmbar, there was no ruler of the whole kingdom, but that many petty chiefs exercised supreme power in different parts of the country. This being so, there is no reason why Viśva Simha should not have begun to rule some portion of the country while Chandana and Madana still held sway at Marālávāsa. Buchanan Hamilton says that “the Bihār Rājās reckon by the era of their ancestor, Viśva, whom they suppose began to govern in the Bengal year 916 or 1509 A. D.,” and as this, on the date arrived at for Nara Nārāyaṇa’s accession, would give him a reign of 25 years, there seems to be no reason for discrediting the date thus assigned for Viśva Simha’s accession. We have seen that this prince gradually rose from the position of one of many petty chiefs to be ruler of the whole country from Rangpur to Kāmarūpa, and that he eventually found himself strong enough to march against the Ahom king in Upper Assam. It is very unlikely he could have effected all this in a shorter time than that allowed him according to the above calculation. Finally Lakshmī Nārāyaṇa’s *Vamśāvali* mentions 25 years as the duration of his reign, and this is exactly the period intervening between 1509, the date of his accession according to the Koch era, and 1534, the date of his death according to Prasiddha Nārāyaṇa’s *Vamśāvali*.

Turning now to the kings who succeeded Nara Nārāyaṇa, it has already been shown that Raghu Deva probably became king of the country east of the San-kosh in 1581 A. D. Guṇābhirām and Prasiddha Nārāyaṇa’s *Vamśāvali* agree in saying that his death took place in 1593 A. D., and we know from the *Pādishāhnāmāh* that Parīkshit was ruling when Jahāngīr came to the throne in 1605. We may, therefore, accept 1593 as the approximate date of Raghu’s death.

According to Guṇābhirām, Parīkshit died in 1606 A. D. at Patna. The *Pādishāhnāmāh*, however, places his defeat by Mukarram Khān in 1613-14, so that according to this account, his death must have taken place about 1614 or 1615 A. D.

Bali Nārāyaṇa, who succeeded Parīkshit, is said by Guṇābhirām to have died in 1634 A. D.,* but it appears from the account given in the *Pādishāhnāmāh* that

* The same date is given in Prasiddha Nārāyaṇa’s *Vamśāvali*.

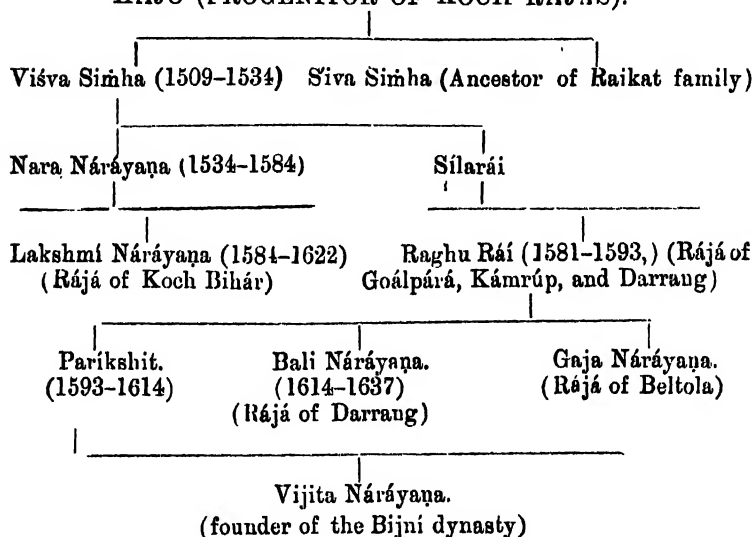
this is too early. According to this authority his death took place in 1637.

Regarding Lakshmi Náráyana, who succeeded his father in the western portion of the Koch kingdom in 1584 A. D., we know from Musalmán sources that he was still reigning in 1618. Babu Rám Chandra Ghosh says that he died in 1622 A. D.

The dates of these earlier Koch Kings appear therefore, to be approximately those shown in the following genealogical tree.

Summary.

HAJO (PROGENITOR OF KOCH RAJÁS).



SUBSEQUENT HISTORY OF THE KOCH RAJÁS.

The subsequent history of the descendants of Lakshmi Náráyana will be found in Hunter's Statistical Account of Koch Bihar family. Koch Bihár, pages 409-426, and the only additional information of any importance of which I am aware, is that contained in the extracts from the *Fatḥiyah i 'Ibriyah* which were published by Blochmann in the J. A. S. B. for 1872, pages 63-68. From these extracts it appears that in 1558 A. D., during the wars for the succession to the Delhi throne, Rájá Bhíma Náráyana took advantage of the disturbed state of the country to make raids into Ghoraghát and attempted to recover Kámarúpa. In the latter endeavour he was thwarted by Jayadhvaja Simha, the Ahom king, who had also sent an army into Kámarúpa. When Mír Jumla became governor of Bengal, he at

once took steps to punish Bhíma Náráyana and Jayadhvaaja Simha and to recover the lost territory. He began by invading Koch Bihár. Bhíma Náráyana, asked for pardon, but Mír Jumla refused to accept his excuses, and in November 1661, he started from Jahángirnagar with his army. Bhíma Náráyana had fortified the road *via* the Yak Duár, and also the Khunṭaghát road, which passed by Rángámáṭi, but had neglected to protect a third which ran through the Moraṅg country. By this road, therefore, Mír Jumla advanced. The Rájá fled to the Bhotán hills, and the greater part of his baggage and guns and other munitions of war was captured by Mír Jumla's army. The latter sent to the Dharma Rájá of Bhotán, requesting him to deliver up Bhíma Náráyana, but this the Deva Rájá refused to do. Being pressed for time, Mír Jumla did not stay to enforce his request, but proceeded to carry out his projected invasion of Assam.

The Koch King is described in the *Faṭṭiyah i 'Ibriyah* as being noble and mighty and fond of company. He was a great wine-bibber, and was so addicted to the pleasures of his harem, that he neglected to look after his kingdom. He had a magnificent palace. There were flower beds in the streets, which were lined on each side with rows of trees. The weapons of the people were swords, firelocks and poisoned arrows.

This invasion by Mír Jumla is not mentioned in the account given by Hunter. Moreover, the name of the king at the time in question is said by him to be Práṇa Náráyana who came to the throne in 1627 and died in 1666 A. D.

The omission to refer to the invasion may be explained by the fact that it left no permanent effect. Mír Jumla advanced, and the king retreated without giving battle, and apparently returned again to his capital as soon as Mír Jumla vacated it. The discrepancy in the matter of names is also of very little importance. The character of the king as portrayed by Hunter agrees closely with that given in the *Faṭṭiya i 'Ibriyah*; we know that Viśva Simha, Nara Náráyana, Silarái and others of the family bore each two different names, and there is thus no reason why Práṇa Náráyana should not also have been known as Bhíma Náráyana.

After Paríkshit's defeat, his son Vijita Náráyana was confirmed by the Musalmáns as Zamíndár of the country

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between the Manás and the Sankosh. He settled at Bijni and is the ancestor of the existing Bijni family. Under the auspices of this family, a small pamphlet was issued, some years ago, giving an account of Vijita's successors, but as they were not independent princes, there would be little use in dwelling on their history. It may,

however, be interesting to note the present status of the family and the manner in which it was created.* Under Mughal rule, the Rájá paid an annual tribute of Rs. 5,998, which was afterwards commuted to an annual delivery of 68 elephants. The Názim used to make up for short deliveries by sending a *Sazáwal* into the Rájá's estates and levying the balance due by force, but when the East India Company came into possession of Bengal, this method of recovering outstanding payments was abandoned, and during the years 1776–1787 A. D., only 90 elephants were received out of the 816 which should have been supplied. The contribution of elephants was again changed for a money payment in 1788, the amount fixed being Rs. 2,000. Two years later the Rájá agreed to pay another thousand rupees a year, but this offer was declined by the Governor-General, on the ground that the chance of losing the attachment of a Zamindár in possession of a border estate should not be risked for the sake of Rs. 1,000. Subsequently a deduction of Rs. 850 from his annual payment was allowed as compensation for the abolition of *sáyar*, so that the family now pay a total revenue of only Rs. 1,150, for an estate, the annual collections from which amount to very nearly two lakhs of rupees.†

In Darrang, Bali Náráyaṇa was succeeded by Mahendra Náráyaṇa, who is said to have made large grants of *Brahmottar* land to Bráhmaṇs. He died in 1643 A. D., and was succeeded by his son Chandra Náráyaṇa, who died in 1660, and was followed by his son Súrýa Náráyaṇa. This prince is said to have been worsted in battle by Manẓúr Khán in 1682, and taken captive to Delhi.‡ He escaped, but declined to resume his place as

* This information is extracted from a note by Mr. Forbes in 1875, on certain bundles of paper received from the Board of Revenue.

† It has been argued that the estate has never been permanently settled, that the payment is of the nature of a tribute and not an assessment, and that as Bijni is no longer a border estate, the reason for an unduly low assessment no longer exists. But this is a matter with which we are not at present concerned.

‡ According to Guṇábhírám. Prasiddha Náráyaṇa's *Vamśávali* says, that Manasúm Khán was the name of the Musalmán leader, and fixes 1675 as the date of the occurrence. The manuscript Yoginí Tantra on the other hand, says that it took place in 1709 A. D. No mention is made of the matter by Musalmán historians, and even the name of the Muhammadan leader does not appear in their accounts of events in Kámrúp. I have not mentioned Mir Jumla's invasion, which took place during this prince's reign, as that invasion was directed against the Ahoms, and there is no record of any conflict between Súrýa Náráyaṇa and the Musalmáns. The only reference to this king in the *Fatḥiyah* i 'Ibriyah is the following:—"At this time Makar dhvaj, Rájá of Darrang, who is subject to the Rájá of Assam, came and paid his respects to the Nawáb (at Gauháṭi), presented an elephant, received a *Khil'at*, was promised protection, and was ordered to travel with the army."

Rájá.* He was succeeded by his brother Indra Náráyaṇa, who was at that time only five years old. During his minority, the Ahoms took advantage of dissensions amongst his councillors to strengthen their hold on the country. Darrang alone remained in his possession, and even for this he had to pay an annual tribute. During his reign, Darrang is said to have been surveyed under the orders of the Ahom Rájá, presumably with the object of ascertaining the amount of tribute which Indra Náráyaṇa would be able to pay.† When his son Āditya Náráyaṇa succeeded him in 1725, the kingdom consisted only of that portion of the present sub-division of Maṅgaldái, which lies south of the Gosaiñ Kamala Āli, and three years later, the greater part of this small vestige of the heritage of his ancestors was wrested from him by his younger brother, Madhu Náráyaṇa, who took also one of the two family idols.‡ From this time, the family sank into comparative insignificance. They were now mere subordinates of the Ahoms, and exercised no powers except such as were conferred on them by the Ahom prince.

Later on, their position was still further reduced, and instead of being tributaries, they were simply agents for the Ahom King, and in return for managing Deś Darrang were allowed the lands which were cultivated by their personal slaves and servants, which were surveyed, and carefully recorded in the state records of the Ahoms.§ When the English came into possession of the country they were allowed to retain these lands subject to the payment of half the usual revenue on the area under cultivation, so long as they themselves remained in possession. On alienation of any of these lands, however, the privilege of paying at half rates is withdrawn, and an assessment at full rates introduced. The existing representatives of the family still hold most of the land originally granted to them, but owing to their bad management and extravagant habits, they are now reduced to a condition of comparative poverty.

* In Prasiddha Náráyaṇa's *Yamāvali*, it is said that he was detained in Bengal for 50 years and only returned to Assam in 1725 A. D., where he died ten years afterwards.

† According to the manuscript *Yoginī Tantra* this survey took place in 1707 A. D., and was carried out by one Dhanirāma.

‡ These are the Durgá or Burí Gosaiñ and Śiva or Burá Gosaiñ. The gold ornaments of these two idols were stolen within a few months of each other, some seven years ago.

§ Report on the Darrang district by Captain Mathie, Principal Assistant, dated 15th February. 1835.

Bijapur Inscription of Dhavala of Hastikundī of the Vikrama year 1053.
(From the materials supplied by Munshī Devīprasād).—By PROFESSOR
F. KIELHORN, C. I. E., GÖTTINGEN.

This inscription was discovered, more than fifty years ago, by Captain Burt, from whose rubbing fragments of the text and what professes to be a literal translation were published in Vol. X. pp. 819-821 of the Society's *Journal*. The account, there given of its contents, is however quite worthless, and it is therefore fortunate that this document has lately been again brought to public notice by Munshi Devīprasād of Jodhpur, a gentleman who takes great interest in the history and antiquities of his country. Munshī Devīprasād, in 1891, furnished the Society with an account of it which will be found in the *Proceedings* for 1892, pp. 2-3; and he has more recently sent in a fuller paper on the same subject, as well as an ink-rubbing of the inscription. These materials have been forwarded to me by the Philological Secretary, with the request that I should publish the text of the inscription. Although the rubbing sent to me does not enable me to do this as it ought to be done, I have great pleasure in giving here, after revision, the substance of Munshī Devīprasād's notes, together with some extracts from the Sanskrit text; and I trust that by doing so I may induce those who have access to the original inscription to furnish either myself or some other scholar with carefully made impressions of it.

According to local report the stone which bears this inscription was originally fixed* near the entrance of a solitary Jaina temp'le which stands about two miles south of the village of BĪJAPUR in the Bali-Godwār District of Mārwar, among or close to the remains of the old town of HATONPI, the HASTIKUNPI or HASTIKUNPIKĀ of this inscription. From there it is said to have been removed, some years ago, to the Dharmśālā of the Jaina community of Bijapur, where it was seen in 1889 by Mr. Joshi Aidān, Inspector of the Historical Department of Mārwar. That officer brought it to the notice of Munshī Devīprasād, and it is now probably at Jodhpur, having been made over to the charge of the Historical Department of Mārwar.

The inscription contains 32 lines of writing which cover a space of about 2'8½" broad by 1'4" high. Near the proper right margin, all the way down, the writing has suffered a good deal, apparently from *exposure to the weather; but otherwise the inscription is in a very fair state of preservation, and I have no doubt that, with a good

* Captain Burt found the inscription "in the interior of a gateway leading to Mandir, distant one kos from Beejapoor, on the route from Odeypore to Sirohee near Mount Aboo." See this *Journal*, Vol. X. p. 821.

impression, nearly the whole of the text may be made out with certainty. The size of the letters is about $\frac{3}{8}$ ". The characters are Nāgarī; they closely resemble, but look more modern than those of the Harsha inscription* of Vighraharāja of the Vikrama year 1030. The language is Sanskrit, and nearly the whole is in verse. Throughout, the inscription has been written and engraved with great care, and in respect of orthography it need only be stated that the letter *b* has generally (not always) been denoted by the sign for *v*, and that the dental and palatal sibilants have sometimes been confounded.

The inscription divides itself into two parts. The first part is a *Prasasti* of 41 verses which was composed by SÚRYÁCHÁRYA (line 21), and which is dated (in lines 19 and 22) in the year 1053, on the 13th of the bright half of Māgha, a Sunday, under the *nakshatra* Pushya,—corresponding, for the expired Vikrama year 1053, to Sunday the 24th January A. D. 997, when the 13th *tilki* of the bright half ended 7 h. 5 m., and when the moon was in the *nakshatra* Pushya up to 21 h. 40 m. after mean sunrise. The proper object of this *Prasasti* is, to record the consecration by the Jaina sage ŚĀNTIBHADRA or ŚĀNTYÁCHÁRYA, who during the reign of a certain DHAVALA lived at that prince's capital HASTIKUṆḍĪ or HASTIKUṆḍĪKĀ of an image of the Tirthamkára Rishabh-nāthadeva, at a temple that had been founded at Hastikuṇḍī by Dhavala's grandfather VIDAGDHA. But, as is usual in such cases, what is more valuable to us is the genealogy of the prince Dhavala which is given by way of introduction in lines 2-6, and which contains some interesting references to princes who (with perhaps one exception) are known to us from other inscriptions. This genealogical part of the *Prasasti* will be considered below.

The second part of the inscription, from line 23 to 32, is really quite an independent inscription, added on to the preceding *Prasasti* because it records endowments that were made in favour of the same Jaina temple, or of a sage connected with it, by the father and grandfather of the prince Dhavala, mentioned above. This second inscription also (in line 23) opens with some verses on the genealogy of the rulers of HASTIKUṆḍĪ. First there was a prince HARIVARMAN. From him sprang the prince VIDAGDHA who was 'a tree yielding every desire in the garden which was the illustrious RĀSHṬRAKUṬA race.' And his son again was the illustrious MAṆMAṬA. The inscription then records that, in the Vikrama year 973, VIDAGDHA made some donations in favour of a sage named BALABHADRA, and that these gifts were largely added to by the prince MAṆMAṬA in the Vikrama year 996.

From the second inscription we learn, then, that the chiefs of

* See *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. II. p. 120, plate.

HASTIKUṆḍī here enulogized, belonged to the RĀSHṬRAKŪṬA family, and that VIDAGDHA, the son of HARIVARMAN, was ruling in Vikrama-saṁvat 973, and his son MAṆMAṬA in Vikrama-saṁvat 996. According to the first inscription, which in verses 4-8 mentions the same princes, Maṇmaṭa was succeeded by his son DHAVALA who was alive in Vikrama-saṁvat 1053, but had then made over the government to his son BĀLA-PRASĀDA. Of Harivarman, Vidagdha and Maṇmaṭa the first inscription says nothing of importance. Of DHAVALA, whose reign fell in the first half of the 11th century of the Vikrama era, verses 10-12 record certain dealings which he had with the princes MUÑJARĀJA, DURLABHARĀJA, MŪLARĀJA and DHARAṆĪVARĀHA, though, what these dealings were, is owing to the damaged state of the inscription, not in every case quite clear. From the first half of verse 10 it appears that MUÑJARĀJA, who must be taken to be VĀKPAṬI-MUÑJA of MĀLAYA for whom we have dates of the Vikrama years 1031, 1036 and 1050, invaded MEDAĀṬA (or Mewād), and the second half of the verse probably stated that the ruler of that country on that occasion was either supported or sheltered by Dhavala. Similarly verse 11 seems to record that Dhavala assisted a prince, whose name may have been MAHENDRA or MAHĪNDRA, against a prince DURLABHARĀJA, who probably was the brother of the CHĀHAMĀNA VIGRAHARĀJA of the Harsha inscription. And verse 12, again, states that Dhavala also supported DHARAṆĪVARĀHA, when that prince was attacked by MŪLARĀJA. That this last-mentioned prince was the CHAULUKYA MŪLARĀJA I., whose latest known inscription is dated in Vikrama-saṁvat 1051, is clear; his opponent DHARAṆĪVARĀHA might perhaps be conjectured to have been one of the Chūdāsamā chiefs,* but, before trying to identify him, it will be better to wait till his name is found in other records.

EXTRACTS FROM THE TEXT.

L. 2. महीमतां ॥ ३ ॥*

अभिवि(वि)भ्रुचिं कातां सावित्रीं चतुराग्नः ।

हरिवर्मा व(व)भूवाच भूविभुर्भुवनाधिकः ॥ [४ ॥*]

सकलाने कविजोक(च)नयंकजस्त्रुदगंबुदवा(वा)कदिवाकरः ।

रिपुवधूवदनेदुहृतद्युतिः

* See *Indian Antiquary*, Vol. XII. p. 192.

3. [समुद ?] पादि विदग्धन्धप[स्ततः ॥ ?] [५॥^x]

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— — नीतो दि ० ० ० [क]रैर्नीरजन्माकरो वा [१^x]

पूर्वं जैनं नि[ज]मिव यशो — ० — द्रक्षितकुंभां

रन्ध्रं हन्ध्रं गुह्यं द्विमगिरेः शृङ्गशृङ्गारहारि ॥ ६ [॥^x]

दानेन तुलितव(ब)लिना तुलादिदानस्य येन [देवा]य ।

भाग[ह]यं व्यतीर्यत भागश्च

4. र्थाय ॥ [७॥^x]

तस्माद मंमटा . ० — ० — ।

. स्लाघ्यं ० — ० — ॥ ८ [॥^x]

तस्मादसमः समजनि स[मस्तजनि]जनितलोचनानं[दः] ।

धवलो वसुधाव्यापी चंद्रादिव चंद्रिकागिरिः ॥ [९॥^x]

मंज्राघाटं घटाभिः प्रकटमिव मयं मेदपाटे भटा[नां]

जन्ये राजन्य-

5. [ज ?]न्ये जनयति जन[ता]-रणं मुंजरानि ।

श्री — — — ० [गार्थं] हरिण इव भिया — ० — — ० — —

— — — — शरण्यो ० ० ० ० ० ० — यः सुराणां व(ब)भूव ॥ [१०॥^x]

श्रीमदुर्लभराजभूसुजि मुजैर्मुंजत्यभंगां भुवं

दंडैर्भयंजनसौ(शौ)यडचंडसुभटैस्तस्याभिभूतं विभुः ।

यो दैत्यैरिव तारका-

6. [प्र]भृतिभिः श्री[मन्महेंद्रं ?] [पुरा]

सेनानी[रिव] नीतिपौरुषपरोनैषीत्यरां निर्दतिं ॥ [११॥^x]

[यं ?] मूलादुद[मू]लय[द्गु]र ० — : श्रीमूलराजो नृपो

दप्पांधो धरणीवराहन्धपतिं यद्वदि(द्वि)पः पादपं ।

आयातं भुवि कादिश्रीकमभिको यस्तं शरण्यो द[धौ]

दंष्ट्रायामिव रुढमूढमहिमा कोलो महीमंडलं ॥ १२ [॥^x]

10. [सु]नयतनयं राज्ञे वा[ल]प्रसादमतिष्ठिप-
 त्परिणतवया निःसंगो यो व(ब)भूव सुधीः स्वयं ।
 कृतयुगकृतं कृत्वा कृत्यं कृतात्मचम तद्धतौ-
 रकृत सुकृतौ नो कालुष्यं करोति कलिः सतां ॥ [१२ ॥ *]
11. राजधानौ भुवो भर्तुस्तस्यास्ते हस्तिकुण्डिका ।
 अलका धनदस्येव धनाज्जनसेविता ॥ [२२ ॥ *]
14. अस्यां स्मरिः सुराणां गुरुरिव गुरुभिर्गौरवाद्देर्गुणौघै-
 र्भूपाणां त्रिलोकीवल्लयविल-
15. [सिता?]नंतज्ञानंतकौर्त्तिः ।
 नाम्ना श्रीशान्तिभद्रो[भव]दभिभवि[तुं] भासमाना[स]माना-
 कामं कामं ७ — — जनितजन ७ — संपदा [य]स्य मूर्त्तिः ॥ [२६ ॥ *]
19. तांवाचयिस्त्रिपंचाशसहस्रे शरदामियं ।
 माघ-क्षत्रयेदृश्यां सुप्रतिष्ठैः प्रतिष्ठिता ॥ ३८ ॥ *]
22. संवत् १०५३ माघशुक्ल १३ रविदिने पुष्यनक्षत्रे श्रीरिषभनाथदेवस्य*
 प्रतिष्ठा कृता महाध्वजस्वारोपितः ॥
23. आसीद्दीधनसंमतः शुभगुणो भास्वत्प्रतापोज्ज्वलो
 विस्मयप्रतिभः प्रभावकलितो भूपोत्तमांगार्चितः ।
 योषि[त्प्री ?]-
24. ७ ७ — ७ — ७ ७ ७ — भिष्वंगसंज्ञालितो
 यः श्रीमान्हरिवर्मे† [उ]त्तममणिः सद्गुणहारे गुरौ ॥

* Read **अनुपम** .

† I believe that this is the actual (though incorrect) reading.

तस्माद्(इ)भूव सुवि भूरिगुणो ७ — —

भूपप्रभूतमुकुटार्चितपादपीठः ।

ओराङ्कूट्, लकागनकोत्पद्यः

ओमाग्विदग्धपतिः प्रकटप्रतापः ॥

तस्माद्(इ) ७

25.

७ — ७ — ७ ७ ७ — — तः परं भाजनं

संभूतः शु(सु,तनुः सुतोतिमतिमान्* ओमंमटो विभूतः ।

येनास्मिन्निराजवंशगगने चंद्रायितं [चाख्या]

तेनेदं पिष्टप्रासनं समधिकं कृत्वा पुनः पाळ्यते ॥

ओबलमद्राचार्यं विदग्धपूजितं समभ्यर्थ्य ।

आचंद्राक्षं यावदत्तं भवते म . . . [॥]

30.

रामगिरिन्दकलिते विक्रमकाले गते तु शुचिमा[सि ।]

31.

[ओम]द्(इ)लमद्रगुरोर्विदग्धराजेन दत्तमिदं ॥

नवसु श्रतेषु गतेषु तु वसुवतौसमधिकेषु माघस्य ।

येनैकोत्पद्यामेह समर्पितं मोंमटपेन(ख) ॥

32.

इदं चाक्षयधर्मसाधनं प्रासनं ओविदग्ध[पट?]दत्तं संवत् ६७३

ओमंमटरा[ज] संवत् ६६६ ॥

* Read •माळ्यो•.

The Site of Karṇa Suvarṇa.—By H. BEVERIDGE, B. C. S. (RETIRED).

Hiuen Tsiang, the Buddhist pilgrim, visited a town in Bengal which is spelt in Chinese, Kie-la-na-su-fa-la-na. M. Stanislaus Julien transliterates* this into the Sanscrit words *Karṇa Suvarṇa*, which may mean Karṇa the Golden, or Golden Ear, or simply, wearing gold earrings.† So far as I am aware, the site has not yet been satisfactorily identified, although it has been conjectured, chiefly from the similarity of name, that it lay on the Suvarṇa Rekhá, or Streak of Gold, a river which traverses Midnapur, and used to be the boundary between Bengal and Orissa. Some have placed it in Bīrbhúm, and some in Singhbhúm; and quite recently Dr. Waddell,‡ has suggested that it lay close to Burdwan and is the place now known as Kañchanagar. My chief object in this paper is to show that Karṇa Suvarṇa is probably identical with Raṅgamāṭī, in the Murshidábád district, and situated on the right bank of the Bhágirathí, about six miles below Berhampur. But before I discuss this point, I am obliged to say a few words about the records of Hiuen Tsiang's travels.

It is well known that we have two accounts of his journeying. One is called the Si-yu-ki, or Descriptions of Western Countries, the other is his biography by Hwui-li and Yen-Tsung. The Si-yu-ki is in twelve books, and is regarded as the original and more authoritative account. It was not, however, entirely drawn up by Hiuen Tsiang. He gave the materials, but the composition is by one Pien-ki. M. Julien conjectures that Hiuen Tsiang's absence from China for seventeen years had made it difficult for him to write his mother tongue with the elegance required by Chinese officialism, and so the task was assigned to another monk. The biography is in ten books, and is mainly the work of Hwui-li. Both he and his continuator were contemporaries of Hiuen Tsiang, and as M. Julien remarks, their work is the livelier and more interesting of the two. It is also, I understand, written with greater elegance. That it is more interesting can easily be understood, for it is a biography and a record of Hiuen Tsiang's adventures; whereas the Si-yu-ki is a sort of *gazetteer* or treatise on geography. It is necessary to give these details because there is a remarkable discrepancy between the two records about the route by which Hiuen Tsiang reached Karṇa Suvarṇa, and it is desirable to decide which account should have the preference.

* III. 84. Beal's translation, II, 201.

† II. 248n. At 250 l. c. the Chinese translation Kin-eul is used.

‡ See note at end of this paper.

The following two tables of routes show where the discrepancy lies :—

Places.	Direction and distance, in miles.	Remarks.
<i>Route according to the Si-yu-ki.</i>		I have reckoned the <i>li</i> as one-fifth of a mile, though it is a little more. Champá is Bhágalpur. Kajúghira, or Kajiṅgara, has not been identified. Lassen points out that according to the biography, (I. 237,*) it lay, partly at least, N. of the Ganges, though according to both the routes it lay on the W. bank. It is perhaps the Kajuráhi, or Kharjura-bhága (Sachau I. 202), of Albi-rúni, which he puts as 30 <i>farsákh</i> east of Kanauj. Sir A. Cunningham suggests Kánkjol, but the resemblance is only in position. M. Saint Martin suggests the Cudjiry or Kajiri in Rennel's map (No. 15 of Atlas), near Farukhábád, and opposite Gaup. The first part of the word may be connected with <i>khajur</i> , a date tree. In going to Paṇḍra Vardhana, Hiuen Tsiang crossed the Ganges from west to east. In all probability Mr. Westmacott's suggestion that the place is Paṇḍá, in Maldah, is correct. There is a river in this neighbourhood, and also according to Rennel, a town, called Púrābhāba, which sounds like Paṇḍra Vardhana. On his way to Kámrúp, Hiuen Tsiang crossed a great river. This should be the Brahmaputra, but it is curious that he does not name it. The mention of Nárāyaṇ as the ancestor of the royal family, seems to indicate that the place visited was Koch Bihár and not Assam proper. Samataṭa (level shore) is the Ganges delta. The two routes agree as far as Paṇḍra Vardhana. The direct distance from Paṇḍra to Raṅgamáti is about 75 miles. The direction is nearly due south, but if, as seems probable, Hiuen Tsiang started from the monastery of Váchpa (? Vāsibhá) (I. 180 and III. 75)† 24 <i>li</i> to the west, then the direction of Raṅgamáti would be S. S. E. The delta is E. S. E. from Raṅgamáti, and the direct distance about 180 miles. The direct distance from the seaface of the delta to Tamluk is about the same. The capital of Samataṭa is not known, but if Saśáṅka was a descendant of Ádiśúr, it might be Dacca or Sonárgáoñ. Samataṭa extended to the sea shore, but as it was bounded on N. E. by Sylhet (I. 182 and III. 82), it must have extended inland as far as Dacca.
Champá	...	
Kajúghira	... E. 80 ...	
Paṇḍra Vardhana	E. 120 ...	
Kámrúp	... E. 180 ...	
Samataṭa	... S. 260 ...	
Tamluk	... W. 180	
Karna Suvarṇa	... N. W. 140 ...	
Orissa	... S. W. 140 ..	
<i>Route according to the Biography.</i>		
Paṇḍra Vardhana	.....
Karna Suvarṇa	... S. E. 140 ...	
Samataṭa	... S. E. Not given	
Tamluk	... W. 183 ...	
Orissa	... S W. Not given	

* Beal's translation, p. 131.

† Beal's Si-yu-ki, II, 195; Life, 131.

It will be seen that the Si-yu-ki makes Hiuen Tsiang diverge into Kámrúp (Assam) and arrive at Karna Suvarṇa from Tamluk. But the biography makes no mention here of the Assam visit, and brings Hiuen Tsiang direct from Paṇḍra Vardhana, or from Váchpá (? Vásibhá) to Karna Suvarṇa. M. Vivien de Saint Martin has pointed out the discrepancy in the note appended to M. Julien's third volume (p. 389). His idea is that the Si-yu-ki version should be unhesitatingly preferred because it is the primary account, and because it is more complete and consistent than that of Hwui-li.* But, as we have seen, neither account is exactly primary, and perhaps too M. Saint Martin has overlooked the difference in the character of the two works. The Si-yu-ki is a geographical treatise, and so all the information about each country is put in one place, whether the traveller visited it once or twice. For a similar reason, the order of visiting was, perhaps, not always exactly observed, though I have not found another instance of this. The biography on the other hand, joins the various journeys as they occurred. For instance, it describes Hiuen Tsiang as twice visiting Magadha or South Bihár; once on his way to Bengal and again on his return from Southern India, and after he had visited Gujrát, Sindh, and Mathurá. But the Si-yu-ki says nothing about the second visit. It also contains accounts of twenty-eight countries† which Hiuen Tsiang did not visit. It is therefore much less of a personal narrative than the biography is. The latter contains (Book V.) a detailed account of the Assam visit and of what had led to it. But it represents it as occurring after the second visit to Magadha, and it seems likely that Hiuen Tsiang went direct from Magadha to Assam, both because it was the shortest route, and because it was when he was at Nálanda that the Ambassadors from Kámrúp came to him. It was there, too, that Śilabhadra urged his compliance with the invitation. Dr. Fergusson (J. R. A. S. VI. 252,) has also noticed the discrepancy between the two accounts. He believes that Hwui-li is more correct about the date and manner of the visit to Assam, but still he holds that he is wrong about the journey to Karna Suvarṇa!

There can be no question that the route through Bengal given in the biography is the more natural one of the two. It brings the traveller down to the delta along the course of the Ganges (in those days the Bhágirathí was probably the main stream), and then takes him west and south *via* Tamruk and Orissa. The Si-yu-ki on the other hand,

* At p. 365, l. c. M. Saint Martin in noticing another discrepancy between the two accounts gives the preference to the itinerary in the biography.

† The Si-yu-ki describes 138 countries, but Hiuen Tsiang only visited 110. Saint Martin, I. App.

makes Hiuen Tsiang diverge to the north-east,* or Pāṇḍra Vardhana, and also causes him to describe two sides of a nearly equilateral triangle, between Tamluk and Orissa. This may be seen from M. Saint Martin's map where, however, the route is made still more awkward by his supposition that Pāṇḍra Vardhana is Burdwan. This it cannot be, for the itinerary places it on the east of the Ganges.† It is rightly placed there in the Chino-Japanese map of 1710, of which M. Julien has given a reduction. It seems very unlikely, too, that Hiuen Tsiang would turn inland and to the N. W. after arriving at Tamluk. Presumably he went there in order to embark for Ceylon, as his predecessor Fa-Hian had done. The biography, at all events, tells us‡ that he designed when at Tamluk, to sail to Ceylon and that he was dissuaded from doing so by a monk from southern India. This man advised him not to attempt so long and dangerous a navigation, but to sail from the S. W. point of India, whence he could make the journey in three days. This would give him an opportunity, the monk added, of visiting the sacred places of Orissa and other kingdoms, Hiuen Tsiang took this advice and started for the S. W. and arrived at Orissa. This is all straightforward; whereas the going to Kārṇa Suvarṇa from Tamluk involved a *détour* of at least 140 miles.

For these reasons I am disposed to prefer the route given in the biography. I am not sure, however, if this is to the advantage of my contention that Kārṇa Suvarṇa is Raṅgamāṭī. Neither route is discordant with the identification, but the Si-yu-ki one is more detailed. Raṅgamāṭī§ is nearly due north of Tamluk and 120 or 130 miles off, and the borders of Orissa are about an equal distance to the S. W. of Raṅgamāṭī. We must not press Hiuen Tsiang's measurements closely, for we do not know the exact length of the *li*, nor do we always know to what points he refers. He generally speaks only of countries, not of towns, and it may be that the distances are those to and from the confines of kingdoms.

* It describes the direction as easterly, but Koch Bihār and Kāmṛūp lie N. E. from Paṇḍuá.

† It seems a happy suggestion of Mr. Westmacott's that the name Pāṇḍra is preserved in Abú'l Fa'l's "Sarkár of Panjra." The chief objection to the identification of Paṇḍuá with Pāṇḍra Vardhana seems to be that the central or home-farm pargana of Sarkár Panjra, *viz.*, Havelí Panjra, lies N. E. of Dinájpur and far from Paṇḍuá which apparently is in Shashhazári. [Áin, III, XV; Vol. II, p. 136 of Col. Jarrett's translation where it is called Sarkár Pinjarah. Ed.]

‡ I. 183.

§ There are several Raṅgamāṭis, and the best known, perhaps, is that in Lower Assam. But the one we have to do with is in Central Bengal and on the Bhágirathí. Sir H. Yule suggested that it might be the Kartasina of Ptolemy.

I now come to the principal object of my paper.

Hsien Tsiang's accounts of Karna Suvarṇa are to be found at I. 181 and III. 84-88, of M. Julien's work.* He describes the kingdom as having a circumference of about 900 miles, and the capital as being about four miles round. The country was fertile and populous, and produced all kinds of fruit and flowers. The inhabitants were well off and had literary tastes, but they were a mixture of true believers (Buddhists), and heretics. There were thirteen monasteries, including those which followed the ritual of Devadatta, and there were fifty Hindú temples. Then comes the description which I rely upon: "By the side of the capital there rises the monastery called Lo-to-wei-chi-seng-kia-lan. Its halls are spacious and well-lighted, and its towers and pavilions are lofty. All the men of this kingdom who are distinguished for their talents, their learning and their intelligence, assemble in this monastery."

Lo-to-wei-chi-seng-kia-lan is, according to M. Julien, the phonetic rendering of the Sanskrit words *Raktavīṭi Saṅghārāma*, i. e., the monastery of Redlands, and the word *Raktavīṭi* is, I submit, merely a synonym for *Rāṅgamāṭī*. *Saṅghārāma* is the Buddhist word for a monastery, its original meaning being the grove, or enclosed garden of the congregation. Wei-chi is phonetic for *vīṭi*, and Lo-to for *rakta* (blood,) and M. Julien and Mr. Beal agree in translating Lo-to-wei-chi as meaning red earth, one saying "*limon rouge*," and the other, "red mud." In his Index, III. 468, M. Julien uses a still more appropriate word for he renders wei-chi by "argile" or clay. Every one who has seen *Rāṅgamāṭī* knows that its remarkable feature is the cliffs or bluffs of red clay. These extend for miles, are from 30 to 40 ft high, and formed the bank of the river in the days when the *Bhāgirathī* was the main stream of the Ganges. I must acknowledge that I have not been able to find in the Sanskrit dictionary the word *Vīṭi*, though it is clear from the Chinese translation that it means earth. *Raktavīṭi* would, of course, mean red, but I suppose that the Sanskrit equivalent of *Rāṅgamāṭī* would be *Rāṅgarpittika* or *Raktarpittika*. Possibly *mṛttikā* or *mṛitti* was what Hsien Tsiang wrote, for in the biography† the word is given as Ki-to-mo-chi for which M. Julien substitutes, in accordance with the Si-yu-ki, Lo-to-wei-chi. But *mo-chi* may be right and may be phonetic for *mṛitti*. However this may be, I submit that the facts of the monastery being known by the name of Redlands and of *Karnaśuvarṇanagara*, i. e., the golden fortress of Karna, being the traditional name of *Rāṅgamāṭī*, are almost conclusive of the latter's being the place visited by Hsien Tsiang.

* Beal, *Life*, 181, Si-yu-ki, II, 201.

† I. 181; Beal's translation, 132.

It is unnecessary for me to dwell on the evidence of Raṅgamāṭī's having once been a great city. This may be found in the paper of Col. Wilford in the 9th volume of the *Asiatic Researches*, p. 39, and in the descriptions by Capt. Layard, and Mr. Long. Capt. Layard's paper is in the 22nd volume of our Society's *Journal*, p. 281. He gives the name as Kansonapurī or Kurn-sona-ka-ghur, but Lassen * says the proper spelling is Karna suvarṇa gṛha. As noticed by Capt. Layard there is a mound at Raṅgamāṭī, known as the Demon's Mount. This is probably a Buddhist *stupa* and should be excavated. There is also a story of a large signet-ring having been picked up on or near the mound, and having been taken to England. The local legend about the prosperity of the place, and the origin of the title Suvarṇa is that Vibhīṣaṇa, the brother of Rāvaṇa, visited the place on the occasion of the king's son's first meal of rice, and caused a shower of gold to fall on the land. It will be shown hereafter that there are other legends connecting the place with Ceylon. The Si-yu-ki goes on to tell how Buddhism was introduced into Karna Suvarṇa. It says that at a time when the people did not yet know the religion of Buddha, a heretical teacher came from the South of India and "beat the drum of discussion." His belly was covered with plates of copper, and he carried a torch on his head.† When asked why he was so attired,

* III. 766 n.

† Reinaud in his "Memoir on India before the 11th Century," Paris 1849, p. 293, quotes an account from an Arabic work, the *Kitābu'l-fihrist*, of an Indian sect who took their name from the practice of girding their bodies with iron hoops. Every one who wished to enter this sect had to make a vow of sincerity and humility. He was obliged to have attained a certain degree of perfection before he could don the iron girdle. This girdle, according to the members of the sect, prevented the body from bursting with excess of knowledge, and power of contemplation.

The *Kitābu'l-fihrist* was written in 377 A. H., or 987 A. D., but it refers to an account of the Indian religions, which had been given by a man who had been sent in the last half of the eighth century by Yahya, the son of Khalad the Barmecide, to explore India. This account had been copied out by the famous Al-Kindī in 863 A. D. [Mr. C. J. Lyall, the President of the Society, has been kind enough to contribute the following note on this point:—

The passage in the *Fihrist*, to which M. Reinaud refers, is at p. 348, Vol. I, of Flügel's edition, (M. Reinaud wrote long before the publication of the text, and relied only on one faulty MS.). It runs thus—

و منهم اهل ملّة يقال لهم البكرتينية يعني المصفدين انفسهم بالحديد و سنتهم انهم يحلقون رؤوسهم و لحاهم و يعرون اجسادهم ما خلا العورة و ليس من سنتهم ان يعلموا احدا ولا يكلموه دون ان يدخل في دينهم و يامرون من يدخل في دينهم بالصدقّة للتواضع بها و من دخل في دينهم لم يصفد بالحديد حتى يبلغ المرتبة التي

he said that he had studied much, and had great wisdom, and so was afraid that he would burst; and that he carried a torch because he was moved with pity for the blindness of men. Ten days passed without any one being able to cope with him in argument. The king was in despair and said, "In the whole of my states are there no enlightened men? If no one can answer the difficult questions of this stranger, it will be a great disgrace for my kingdom. We must search again, and in the most obscure places." Then some one said, that there was an extraordinary *śramaṇa* who lived in a forest. The king went in person to bring him. The *śramaṇa* said that he, too, came from Southern India; and that his learning was but small. However, he would endeavour to satisfy the king on condition that, if he was not worsted, the king would build a monastery, and send for monks to promulgate the law of Buddha. The king assented, and the *śramaṇa* came to the hall of discussion. The heretical doctor produced a writing containing 30,000 words, but, in spite of his profundity and science, he was vanquished by the *śramaṇa* after a hundred words, and had to retire in disgrace. Thereon the king fulfilled his promise of building a monastery, and has since that time, says the biography, zealously propagated the teachings of the law. In the preface of the *Si-yu-ki** there is an allusion to the copper-sheathed belly which seems to imply that Hiuen Tsiang was the victorious *śramaṇa*, but as M. Julien remarks, this does not agree with the account in the body of the work.

Probably the king who built the monastery was Śīlāditya (the Sun of Righteousness), the Buddhist ruler of Kanauj.† The expression

يستحق بها ذلك وتصفيدهم انفسهم من اوساطهم الى صدورهم لئلا يشق بطونهم
 زعموا من كثرة العلم وغلبة الفكر *

In English:—

"Among them is a sect called the Bakrantinis (*sic*: conjectured to be Bakrabantiya, = Vajrabandhiya), that is to say, those who chain themselves with iron chains. Their custom is to shave their heads and faces and to go naked, except as to their private parts. It is their rule not to instruct anyone, or to speak with him, until he spontaneously becomes a member of their sect. And they enjoin upon those accepting their religion to do alms in order that their pride may be humbled. One who joins their body does not put on the iron chains until he reaches the degree which entitles him to do so. They wear the chains from their waists to their breasts, as a protection against the bursting of their bellies—so they say—from excess of knowledge and stress of thought."

The conjecture Vajrabandhiya is Haarbrücker's (see *Fihrist*, Vol. II, p. 183). The passage appears to recur in Shahristāni's *Kitābu-n-Nihāl wal-Milāl*, p. 449.—Ed.]

* II. XXXVII; Beal's translation, 1, 4.

† Possibly however it was Pūrṇavarman of Magadha and who according to Hiuen Tsiang was the last descendant of Aśoka.

"in my states" seems to imply that he ruled over more than one kingdom. It is not likely that Śaśāṅka, the Hindú king of Karna Suvarṇa, would allow the introduction of Buddhism into his capital. I presume then that Hiuen Tsiang's visit was made after Śaśāṅka had been overcome by Śilāditya.

There are seven other references * to Karna Suvarṇa or to one of its kings. From them we learn that this king was called Śaśāṅka, *i. e.*, the moon, and that he was jealous of the power of Rājavarḍhana, the king of Kanauj, and the elder brother and predecessor of Śilāditya. He therefore lured him to a meeting and treacherously murdered him. We also learn that he was a great enemy of the Buddhists and cut down their sacred tree † (*Bodhidruma*). He must have possessed considerable power, for, after destroying the law of Buddha, he went to Patna and tried to deface a stone throne which had been set up by Aśoka, and bore the marks of Śākyamuni's feet. Lassen considers that the assassination of Rājavarḍhana ‡ took place in 614, the year of Śilāditya's accession. He also holds § that Śaśāṅka must have retained his independence during Śilāditya's reign, or otherwise he never would have ventured to cut down the sacred tree. But it seems clear that Śaśāṅka had done this long before and in the time of Śilāditya's predecessor. The words "*dans ces derniers temps*" do not mean recently, and we are expressly told in the 6th book of the Si-yu-ki (II. 349; Beal, II, 42), that the destruction of the law and the dispersion of the monks by Śaśāṅka occurred a great many years ago. We also find the Bodhisattva, when exhorting Śilāditya to accept the crown, referring to Śaśāṅka's previous acts in destroying the law. And at p. 251 l.c. (Beal, I, 213) we are told that Śilāditya became master of the five Indies in his sixth year. According to Mr. Fleet, Harshavarḍhana, *i. e.*, Śilāditya began to reign in 606 or 607. So we may presume that Śaśāṅka died not later than 613. The Si-yu-ki (p. 469; Beal, II, 122) describes the manner of his death and says it occurred a long time ago. Śaśāṅka must then, have been dead twenty or thirty years before Hiuen Tsiang went to Karna Suvarṇa. We know that there had been time to introduce Buddhism and to build a large monastery before he visited the place.

* I. 112, 235, II. 243, 349, 422, 463, 468-9; Beal, *Life*, 83; Si-yu-ki, I, 210-213, II, 42, 91, 118, 121-2

† Pūrṇavarman irrigated it with milk, and it shot up in a night to the height of ten feet. At the time of composing the Si-yu-ki it was 44 feet high. If this account be taken as correct, a botanist might calculate the date of Śaśāṅka's violence.

‡ He calls him Harshavarḍhana. Mr. Fleet holds that the accession was in 606 or 607.

§ III. 686.

The name *Saśāṅka*,* does not occur in *Abū'l-faẓl*,† or *Tieffenthaler*,‡ but the first has a *Shushatdhar*, and the second a *Scheschdar*. These are clearly corruptions of *Saśadhara*, (the-moon,) and it is quite possible that this is another form of the name *Saśāṅka*. Both words mean hare-marked or hare-bearing, *i. e.*, the moon, and apparently the pilgrim translates *Saśāṅka* simply by the Chinese word for moon. If this is so, the fact is very important, for *Saśadhara* belonged to the line of *Adiśūra*, and was the eighth in succession from him. He is said to have reigned 58 years, but the reigns of all the princes of this line seem unreasonably long. However if *Saśāṅka* and *Saśadhara* be identical, *Adiśūra* can hardly have been later than the first half of the 6th century. There seems nothing incredible in this for *Lassen*§ says that he is wrongly referred to the 9th or 10th century, and that he must have lived in the beginning of the 7th century. But if he was not later than 600, he must, I think, be put back still further, for it was *Adiśūra* who brought *Brāhman*s from *Kanauj* to *Bengal*. He could not have done this during the *Aditya* dynasty for they were *Buddhist*s. Their dynasty began according to *Lassen* in 580, and so *Adiśūra* must have reigned before that date, and perhaps was contemporary with one of the early *Guptas*.|| *M. Saint Martin* suggests that *Hiuen Tsiang* went out of his road to visit *Karna Suvarṇa*, on account of the connection of the neighbourhood with *Vijaya* and the conversion of *Ceylon*. This is not very likely, since *Hiuen Tsiang* says nothing about it, and he was not deeply interested in *Ceylon*, for he never went there. The fable, however, about *Vijaya* is interesting as showing an early connection between *Bengal* and *Ceylon*. *Vijaya* probably came from *Singbhūm*.¶ His story

* Mr. Fleet's work, *Corpus Inscriptionum Indicarum*, III, for a reference to which I am indebted to Dr. Waddell's paper, shows (p. 283), that there is an inscription of *Saśāṅka* at *Rohtās*. With reference to this identification, however, and also to General *Cunningham*'s remark that there is a tank in *Bogra* named after *S'aśāṅka*, it may be well to bear in mind that according to the *Buchanan MS.*, Vol. *Bhāgalpur* I. 183, there was a *S'aśāṅka*, a *Kshetauri Rājā* of *Kharakpur*, who was put to death in 1502 (910 *Fasli*). [*Apud* *Moutgomery Martin*, II, 57. Ed.]

† *Alin* I. 413.

‡ *Tieffenthaler*, I. 472.

§ III. 718.

|| III. 393.

¶ His mother was the daughter of the King of *Baṅga* by a *Kaliṅga* Princess, a circumstance which points to an early connection between *Bengal* and the *Madras* coast. She was brought up in her father's city of *Baṅga* which presumably lay in South-east *Bengal* or somewhere about *Samatāṭa*. There can be no doubt that the forest of *Lāla* where the caravan in its way to *Magadha* (*S. Bihār*) was dispersed, and she fell into the power of a lion, is the *Rāṭh* country west of the *Bhāgirathī*. See *Upham*, *Sacred books of Ceylon*, I. 69 and II, 164.

is told in Chapter VI of the *Mahavansa*, and in the 11th book of the *Si-yu-ki*. A more historical event is referred to by Wilford and Layard when they mention the local tradition that *Raṅgamāṭi* was destroyed by an expedition from Ceylon. This must have occurred after Hiuen Tsiang's visit to *Karna Suvarṇa*, and in my opinion, it belongs to the 12th century. I think that there is no reason to doubt the legend, for people are not in the habit of inventing disasters. But if true, it can only, I think, have occurred in the time of *Parākrama Báhu*, the Great. His reign is described by Turnour as having been the most martial, enterprising, and glorious in Singhalese history. He, too, seems to have been the only prince of Ceylon who carried his arms across the Bay of Bengal, or who possessed a fleet. There is an account of the expedition in the 76th Chapter of the *Mahavansa*.* It was directed against the king of *Arámma*, or *Ramámma*, which according to Mr. Wijesinha lay between Arracan and Siam. Five ships came to the port *Kúsúmi*, in the country of *Ramámma* and the troops "like furious elephants destroyed a great number of cocoa-nut and "other trees, and the places round about them, and burnt many "villages with fire and destroyed half of the kingdom." A Tamil general named *Adhikári*, who had volunteered for this service, cast anchor in the port of *Papphala* (*Pippli*?). One of the ships attacked the island of *Kákadvipaṭ* (?) or Crow Island, and brought away many of the inhabitants as prisoners to Ceylon. *Arimaddana*, the king of *Ramámma* was killed by the invaders. Perhaps his name was *Ari-Mardana*, *i. e.*, the trampler of foes, or it may have been *Hari-Madana*. (It seems worth while to note here that there was a king of Orissa who was called *Madana Mahádeva*, and who had a short reign of four years from 1171-75.)

Kúsúmi as the name of the port, reminds us of Wilford's statement that *Raṅgamāṭi* used to be called *Kusumapurí*. The name, however, is a common one, and was applied to *Patna* and other towns. The statement that *Ramámma* is the country between *Siam* and *Arracan* is, perhaps, only a conjecture of Mr. Knighton, though I find that Sir Arthur Phayre mentions *Ram-ma-we-li* as a town and country near *Sandoway* (*J. A. S. B. XIII. 27*). On the other hand, we have *Ramana* marked in *Gastaldi's* old map,‡ as a place east of *Orissa* and near *Hijli*.

* Wijesinha's translation. Colombo, 1889. See also Lassen IV. 328.

† Probably this is *Cocanada* in the *Madras Presidency*. According to the *Imperial Gazetteer of India* the proper spelling is *Káka-náda* and the meaning is *Crow-country*. If the *Coromandel* coast was the point of attack one can see why the services of a *Madras* officer were valuable.

‡ *Cluverius* mentions *Ramana* as the capital of *Orissa* and as a mart famous for ivory and precious stones. He also says that the country was rich in salt. See

It may also be worth while mentioning that *Sudhārām* is a native name for the district of Noakhālī. I do not know its age or origin, but it may mean *Suddha-ārāma*, the place of delightful rest, and if so the last half of the name approaches the *Arāmma* of Turnour. One reason given for the expedition was that "the king of *Ramāmma* had obstructed persons who were bringing presents from a king of India to Ceylon." On one occasion when a certain chief of India, *Kassapa* by name, sent presents unto him (*Parākrama*) of great value, with a letter written on a leaf of gold, he hindered the men who bore them from landing and then caused the presents to be taken from them with the letter and sent into the city with great dishonour.* This looks like the action of a king of Orissa or Bengal, who would have control of the ports, such as *Tāmraliptī*, &c. It appears, too, that the expedition ravaged the coast of Coromandel, and so may easily have also attacked Bengal and Orissa. However this may be, and allowing that the expedition was directed against Siam or Cambodia, it must have been easy for the armament, on its way to or from the seat of war, to sail or march up to *Raṅgamāṭī* and destroy it. It is not likely that the ships would steer right across the Bay, or sail direct from Ceylon to Siam. It is to be hoped that some day *Kākadvīpa*, *Papphala*, &c., will be satisfactorily identified.

As for the date of the expedition it was certainly not earlier than the 16th year of *Parākrama Bāhu*'s reign. According to Turnour his accession took place in 1153, so that the 16th year would be 1169. According to the *Wijesinha*, *Parākrama*'s reign began in 1164, which would give 1180 as the 16th year. Lassen adopts Turnour's date of accession, but places the expedition in the year 1172. We are told that five months were employed in making preparations, and that provisions for twelve months were collected. If Mr. *Wijesinha*'s date of accession then be correct, the expedition may have been as late as 1182 or '83. Under any circumstances it would be some years before the *Muhammadan* invasion of Bengal.

According to the tradition collected by Capt. Layard there was a king of *Raṅgamāṭī* called *Karna Sena*. If this was so, he cannot have been the *Karna* who gave his name to the city. The latter was, perhaps, the *Karna* of the *Mahābhārata*, who was sometimes called *Karna Dātta*, and was half brother of the *Pāṇḍavas*. He was king of *Aṅga*, and had seats at *Blāgalpur* and *Monghyr*. No such name as *Karna* occurs in the lists of the *Vaidya* kings of *Gaur*.

Brum's ed., Amsterdam, p. 332. Philip Clavier or Cluverius was one of the most celebrated of our early geographers. He was born at Dantzic in 1580, and died at Leyden in 1623.

* *Wijesinha's Mahāvansa*, p. 228.

NOTE ON DR. WADDELL'S PAPER.*

I did not know of or see Dr. Waddell's paper until I had nearly finished my own. He proposes to identify Karna Suvarṇa with Kañchannagar, near Burdwan. He has taken pains with the subject and his article contains some valuable information, but I think that his identification is quite untenable. It seems to me unfortunate that when Dr. Fergusson † and he had the clue in their hands they should have let it slip. Both of them refer to Raṅgamāṭi, in Murshidābād; but both of them put it aside. Fergusson thought that the capital might afterwards have been transferred to Raṅgamāṭi, and that in this way it got the name of Karna Suvarṇa, but he would not accept it as the place visited by Hsien Tsiang, because he thought Hsien Tsiang's account of the route to it incorrect. Apparently, too, he failed to notice that Raṅgamāṭi was equivalent to the name of the monastery mentioned by Hsien Tsiang. He chooses Nagar in Bībhūm, a place which I have seen and which I think, has no claim to be Karna Suvarṇa. But a writer who refused to believe that the Tāmra-lipi of Hsien Tsiang was Tamluk cannot be regarded as a safe guide.

Dr. Waddell has rejected Raṅgamāṭi partly, as I conceive, because he has never seen it, and so does not know the evidence of ancient greatness which it exhibits. His words are as follows:—"The proposed identification with the fort of Kuru, near the village of Raṅgamāṭi, in Murshidabad district, about 130 miles to the north-east of Tamluk, is quite untenable, as it is so out of keeping with the pilgrim's text, and possesses nothing suggestive of the site, except the local name of Raṅgamāṭi, and having proceeded so far northwards, the subsequent journey of 700 li to the south-west could not carry the pilgrim to the frontier, much less to the capital of Orissa, his next stage ‡

I do not know what is meant by the phrase "proposed identification" in this extract. So far as I know, Raṅgamāṭi has never been proposed before. Perhaps Colonel Yule made such a proposal, but if so, the reference given by him, J. R. A. S. XVIII. 395, is wrong. The only reference given by Dr. Waddell is to Captain Layard's paper, but certainly that says nothing about Hsien Tsiang. It was hardly possible, if not quite impossible, that it should, for Layard's paper was published in our Society's *Journal* in 1853, and M. Julien's translation of the biography only appeared in that year, and this translation of the Si-yu-ki not till 1858. Nor do I know what is meant by the "fort of Kuru." Nobody has ever used that name or spoken about the Kurus in connec-

* Published by the Government of Bengal last year, as an Appendix to a paper on Pātālīputra.

† J. R. A. S., VI. 248.

‡ p. 25

tion with Rangamāṭī. As to the distance-difficulty, I quite admit that so far Burdwan may agree as well with Hiuen Tsiang's statement as Rangamāṭī. I do not think, however, that it has any superiority in this respect. I do not know why it should be assumed that Jājpur was the capital of Orissa in Hiuen Tsiang's time, or that his distances are for capitals and not for the confines of kingdoms. The direction of Burdwan from Tamluk is a little more westerly than that of Rangamāṭī, but still it is mainly north. Besides Dr. Waddell takes no notice of the route given in the biography, *viz.*, that from Paṇḍuá, or from the monastery five miles to the west of it. That route certainly agrees better with Rangamāṭī than with Burdwan. However, I lay little stress on directions and still less on distances. The two strong points in favour of Rangamāṭī are—first, it used to be called the Fort of Karna Suvarṇa, and secondly, that Rangamāṭī is an equivalent for Rakta-Viṭi and Lo-to-wei-chi, or Lo-to-mo-chi. Rangamāṭī is not the only place in the neighbourhood which is associated with Karna. The village and *tháná* of Go-Karna, *i. e.*, the cowshed of Karna, is close by.

On the other hand, Kañchannagar seems to be an obscure place, a sort of suburb of Burdwan. No evidence is adduced of its having been "the traditional capital of the country." I do not know who Belásur was, but I see that Captain Layard says there was a tank at Rangamāṭī called the Bel Talao. Probably the name is connected in both instances with the Bael tree, which is sacred to Siva. There is also at Rangamāṭī the almost obliterated site of an ancient tank called the Jamuná Tank and in which a curious image figured by Captain Layard was found.

Kañchannagar is a common name in Bengal, and has its own distinct meaning, *viz.*, the city of gold. I do not see how it can be twisted into meaning the city of Karna Suvarṇa.

P. S—I have lately come upon an interesting piece of evidence about the antiquity of the name of Karna Suvarṇa. In the genealogy of Rájá Rádhá Kánta Deva, prefixed to the 8th volume of the *Sabdakalpadruma*, and also in the sketch of his life by the editors of the second edition, it is stated that his earliest known ancestor, Śrí Hari Deva, was a resident of Karna Suvarṇa, near Murshidábád. Rájá Rádhá Kánta was the twenty-fifth in descent from Śrí Hari, and was himself born in 1783, so that Śrí Hari probably lived in the 12th century. Rájá Rádhá Kánta lived to at least the age of 76, and if we allow 26 years for each generation of his ancestors, Śrí Hari may have lived at Karna Suvarṇa before its destruction by the troops of Parákrama Báhu.

For convenience of reference I subjoin Wilford's notes of Rangamāṭī in the 9th volume of the *Researches*. "Tradition says that the

“king of Lankā, which implies either the country of the Mahārāja of Lapāgi or Ceylon, but more probably the first, invaded the country of Bengal with a powerful fleet and sailed up the Ganges as far as Raṅga-māṭi, then called Kusumapuri, and a considerable place where the King or Mahārāja often resided. The invaders plundered the country and destroyed the city. This happened long before the invasion of Bengal by the Musalmans, and seems to coincide with the time of the invasion of the peninsula by the Mahārāja of Lapāgi. This information was procured at my request by the late Lieutenant Hoare, who was remarkably fond of inquiries of this sort, and to whom I am indebted for several historical inquiries and other particulars relating to the geography of the Gangetic provinces.”

Apparently Lieutenant Hoare is the officer referred to as Captain Hoare in the 7th vol. of the *Researches*, p. 175, as having taken part in procuring copies of the inscriptions on the Dihlī pillar. Wilford thought that Lankā might mean Lapāgi, i. e., Java, because two Arabian travellers of the 9th century mentioned by Ronodot had referred to the king of Lapāgi's having devastated the coast of India. But there seems no reason for supposing that Lankā ever meant any other place than Ceylon. Layard, writing in 1853, says, he too was told of the Lankā expedition, but with a different version. Unfortunately he does not give the version, but, perhaps, it was only that the place was Ceylon and not Java. Layard objects to Lieutenant Hoare's account that Raṅgamāṭi was formerly called Kusumapura, but it is just possible that it was both called Kusumapura and Karṇa Suvarṇa. Or the Ceylonese may have been mistaken, like Lieutenant Hoare, and written Kusumi instead of Karṇa Suvarṇa.



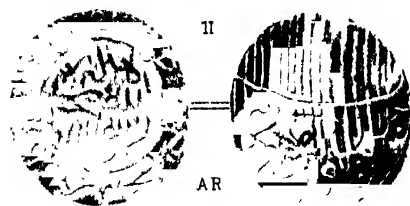
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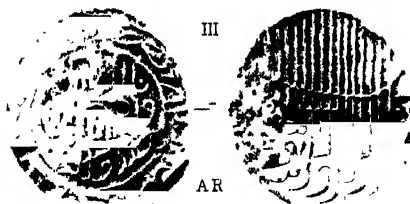
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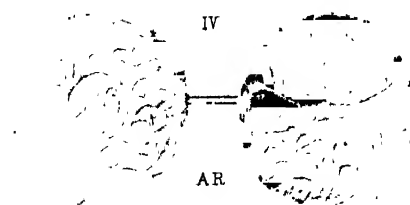
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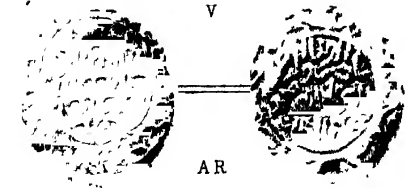
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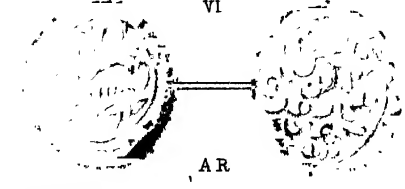
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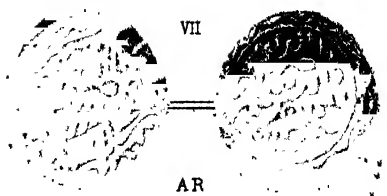


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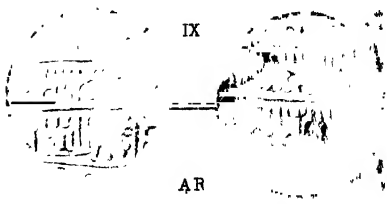
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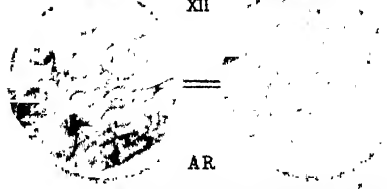
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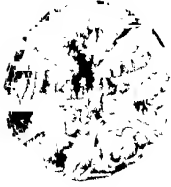


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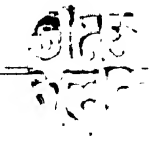
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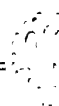
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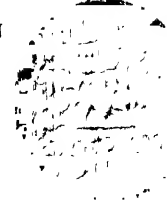
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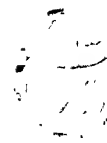
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I.—On *ERITES*, an oriental genus of satyrid butterflies:—By
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The genus *Erites* at the present date contains five species only, (six if *E. ochreana* is held to be a distinct species, I have not seen it), found in Assam, Burma, the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Java, Labuan, Borneo, and the Philippines. To these I now propose to add a sixth. All are closely allied, and very similar in general aspect. They are extremely delicate butterflies, semi-transparent, of a brownish-ochreous shade, sometimes just tinted with violaceous on the upperside. All possess a submarginal series of ocelli to both wings, more or less visible on the upperside. These ocelli vary greatly in size, in some species they are large and prominent, in others quite small and inconspicuous. On the underside there are usually two discal bands, often more or less angled. These butterflies are found only in virgin forests as far as I am aware, and fly weakly close to the ground amongst the brushwood under the great trees and in open paths through the forests. Their transformations are unknown. The males have no secondary sexual characters. The females differ only from the males in the wings being somewhat broader, and in having the apex of the forewing more rounded.

I give below a key by which the several species may be distinguished:—

Key to the species of *Erites*.

- A. Forewing with five equal-sized ocelli.
 - 1. *E. elegans*, Borneo.
- B. Forewing with the posterior ocellus very much larger than the others.
 - a. Forewing with the large ocellus on the upperside prominently pupilled with white. The apex of the wing falcate.
 - 2. *E. falcipennis*, Assam; Burma.
 - b. Forewing with the large ocellus on the upperside blind or nearly so. The apex of the wing rounded.
 - 1. Both wings with all the ocelli prominent and well-formed on the underside.
 - a². Forewing with three small apical ocelli only in addition to the large anal one.
 - 3. *E. medura*, Java; Philippines.
 - b². Forewing with four apical ocelli in addition to the large anal one.
 - a³. The inner discal band on the hindwing straight.
 - 4. *E. argentina*, Labuan; Borneo; Malacca.
 - b³. The inner discal band on the hindwing highly angled outwards in the middle.
 - 5. *E. angularis*, Burma; Malay Peninsula; Sumatra.
 - b¹. Both wings with all the ocelli inconspicuous except the anal one in the forewing, reduced to black dots only.
 - 6. *E. rotundata*, Burma.

1. ERITES ELEGANS, Butler.

E. elegans, Butler, Cat. Diurn. Lep. B. M., *Satyridæ*, p. 147, n. 2, pl. ii, fig. 4, female (1868); id., Druce, Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1873, p. 310, n. 2; id., Staudinger, Ex. Schmett., p. 230, pl. lxxxii, male (1887).

HABITAT: Borneo (*Butler, British Museum; Druce; Staudinger*); three males Borneo, one female Padas River, North Borneo (*collection de Nicéville*).

2. ERITES FALCIPENNIS, W.-M. and de N.^{*}

E. falcipennis, Wood-Mason and de Nicéville, Butt. of India, vol. i, p. 237, n. 230 (1883); idem, id., Journ. A. S. B., vol. iv, pt. 2, p. 351, n. 30, pl. xvi, fig. 2, male (1887).

HABITAT: One male Silcuri, August; one male, Nemotha, September—both in Cachar, Assam (*Wood-Mason, collection Indian Museum*); one male, Fort Lungleh, Lushai Hills, October, 1890 (*R. Pughe, collection de Nicéville*); one female, Karen Hills, Burma, April (*collection Phayre Museum, Rangoon*).

3. ERITES MEDURA, Horsfield.

Hipparchia medura, Horsfield, Cat. Lep. Mus. E. I. C., pl. v, figs. 8, 8a, female (1829); *Erites medura*, Marshall and de Nicéville, Butt. of India, vol. i, p. 236 (1883); id., Pagenstecher, Jahr. des Nass. Vereins für Natur., vol. xliii, p. 96, n. 15 (1890); *E. medura*, var. *ochreana*, Staudinger, Iris, vol. ii, p. 38 (1889); *E. ochreana*, Semper, Schmett. Philipp. Inseln, p. 326, n. 497 (1892); *Satyrys (Erites) madura* (sic), Westwood, Gen. Diurn. Lep., vol. ii, p. 392, n. 47 (1851); *Erites madura*, Horsfield and Moore, Cat. Lep. Mus. E. I. C., vol. i, p. 229, n. 484 (1857); id., Hewitson, Journ. Linn. Soc. Lond., Zoology, vol. viii, p. 145 (1865); id., Butler, Cat. Diurn. Lep. B. M., *Satyridæ*, p. 146, n. 1 (1868).

HABITAT: JAVA (one female, Horsfield collection in the British Museum); East Java (Pagenstecher); Palawan, Philippines (Staudinger).

Mr. Hewitson (l. c.) describes a variety of this species as follows:—"Male and female. With five ocelli on the anterior wing, one large and four small. Sumatra; Singapore." This almost certainly equals *E. angularis*, Moore, which undoubtedly occurs in the Malay Peninsula, and also in Sumatra, as Dr. L. Martin, of Deli, Sumatra, informs me.

Mr. Hewitson also describes another variety thus:—"Male and female. With the five ocelli of the anterior wing small and of equal size, Singapore; Sarawak." This can only refer to *E. elegans*, which certainly occurs in Borneo, but very doubtfully in Singapore, at any rate it is not recorded from thence by Mr. Distant in "*Rhopalocera Malayana*," nor have I seen a specimen from any part of the Malay Peninsula.

4. ERITES ARGENTINA, Butler.

E. argentina, Butler, Cat. Diurn. Lep. B. M., *Satyridæ*, p. 188, n. 5, pl. v, fig. 8, female (1868); id., Druce, Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1873, p. 310, n. 1; id., Distant, Ann. and Mag. of Nat. Hist., fifth series, vol. xix, p. 48, n. 21 (1887).

HABITAT: Labuan, an island off the N.-W. coast of Borneo (Butler, in coll. British Museum); Borneo (Druce and Distant); Borneo; Malacca (Staudinger); S.-E. Borneo (collection de Nicéville).

Unfortunately I possess no specimen of *E. medura*; but comparing the figures of *E. medura* and *E. argentina*, both taken from female specimens, and a single male of the latter in my collection, the only point of difference I can discover between them is that *E. medura* lacks a small ocellus in the second median interspace of the forewing which is present in *E. argentina*.

5. ERITES ANGULARIS, Moore.

E. angularis, Moore, Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1878, p. 825; id., Distant, Rhop. Malay., p. 46, n. 1, pl. v, fig. 3, male (1882); id., Marshall and de Nicéville, Butt. of India, vol. i, p. 236, n. 229, pl. xvi, fig. 50, female (1883).

HABITAT: Taoo plateau, 3,000—5,000 feet, Upper Tenasserim

(Moore) ; Perak (*Distant*) ; Meplay Valley, January ; Thoungyeen forests, March ; near Moulmein, October (*Marshall and de Nicéville*) ; Yoonzaleen Valley, November ; Myitta, January, both in Burma ; Rawan, Selangor, Malay Peninsula, December (*collection de Nicéville*).

In this species there are four small equal-sized ocelli and one large ocellus to the forewing, the ocelli of the hindwing prominent ; the inner band of the hindwing strongly outwardly angled in the middle ; the outer band is twice outwardly angled, once in the middle, and once where it is crossed by the second subcostal nervule, this feature being only found in the otherwise quite distinct species, *E. elegans*.

6. ERITES ROTUNDATA, n sp.

E. angularis, Watson (*nec Moore*), Journ. Bomb. Nat. Hist. Soc., vol. iii, p. 19, n. 38 (1888).

HABITAT : Burma.

EXPANSE : ♂, 2.0 to 2.1 ; ♀, 2.2 to 2.4 inches.

DESCRIPTION : MALE. UPPERSIDE, *both wings* semi-transparent, brownish-ochreous. *Forewing* with the two discal bands of the underside showing through by transparency ; a large, almost round (slightly oval) black ocellus in the first median interspace and extending slightly into the two interspaces beyond, obscurely pupilled with plumbeous, and surrounded with an ochreous ring. *Hindwing* with a prominent discal ochreous band, outwardly angled in the middle ; four large round blind black ocelli, surrounded each by a very wide ochreous ring, the rings touching, thus forming a continuous band, one ocellus in each interspace from the first median to the second subcostal nervule ; two fine ochreous and two fine fuscous marginal lines. UNDERSIDE, *both wings* finely striated with purplish-fuscous ; the four apical ocelli present in the forewing of *E. angularis*, Moore and the five of the hindwing reduced to minute black dots in this species. *Forewing* with the fifth large ocellus much as above, but the black portion is smaller, the ochreous ring wider, and the pupil prominent and silvery ; two prominent discal deep ochreous bands outwardly sharply defined by a black thread commencing close to the submedian nervure, the inner band straight, crossing the discoidal cell obliquely about its middle, and becoming lost before reaching the subcostal nervure ; the outer band curved and bounding the wide ochreous outer ring of the large ocellus in the first median interspace, the band ending on the third median nervule. *Hindwing* with faint traces of two discal bands, the inner one straight, the outer one angled outwardly once only, as in all the species of the genus except *E. angularis* ; the marginal lines as on the upperside. FEMALE hardly differs from the male, except that the wings are broader,

the apex of the forewing is more rounded, and the forewing has similar fine marginal lines as are found in the hindwing of the male. This species differs structurally from *E. angularis* in that the tooth or angulation at the termination of the second median nervule of the hindwing is as great or greater than that at the third; in *E. angularis* this tooth is quite small.

In one specimen in my collection from the Pegu Yoma, taken in December, the markings are almost as prominent on the underside as in *E. angularis*, there are two apical well-formed ocelli to the forewing, and five ocelli to the hindwing, the discal bands well-marked, but as the inner band of the hindwing is straight (not outwardly strongly angled in the middle), and the outer band is once outwardly angled only (instead of twice), I have no hesitation in placing this specimen under *E. rotundata* rather than under *E. angularis*. Another specimen in my collection taken at the same place and time is quite typical *E. rotundata*.

In the Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London for 1891, page 268, Mr. H. J. Elwes records *E. medura*, Horsfield, from East Pegu, Upper Burma, and places *E. angularis*, Moore, with a query as a synonym of that species, and makes the following remarks:—

“Numerous specimens were sent by Doherty from East Pegu, taken at about 1,500 feet [during March and April], of which several females and one male were by him supposed to be, and marked as, a distinct species. These correspond to the female taken in the Thoungyeen forests by Major Bingham, and described by Marshall and de Nicéville, ‘Butt. of India,’ vol. i, p. 237,* as nearer to *E. medura* of Java than to *E. angularis*.”

“After examining the series closely and comparing them with one Javan specimen, I do not see how to separate the two species [*E. medura*, Horsfield, and *E. angularis*, Moore], for, though in the supposed new

* “A female taken in the Thoungyeen forests in March differs from our other female specimens in the ocellus on the upperside of the *forewing* being very nearly round, not oval, with a distinct yellow iris of equal width throughout; the outer fascia of the *hindwing* much broader and very distinct; four large black spots beyond twice the size of those in the other specimens, the yellow irides prominent and touching. On the underside of the *hindwing* the two discal fasciæ have almost disappeared, and the five submarginal ocelli are very minute. This specimen differs only in the following particulars from Horsfield’s figure of *E. medura*: The outer margin of the forewing is not quite so evenly rounded, being in fact slightly concave; the large ocellus is not quite so large as in *E. medura*, and the iris is less wide. On the underside the apical ocelli on the forewing are smaller, and on the hindwing the ocelli are minute, and the fasciæ are obsolete. This specimen, however, is much nearer *E. medura* than *E. angularis*.” (Marshall and de Nicéville, l. c.)

species the ocelli on the upperside of the hindwing are much larger than in the other form from the same locality, whilst on the underside both the ocelli and the bands are almost obsolete, I am rather inclined to suspect seasonal dimorphism, and to think that this form is the last of the first brood, and the others, among which males are far more numerous, are the first of a second brood. In the Javan specimen we have the hindwing like one form below and the other above. Further observations are requisite to decide the question."

E. medura and *E. angularis* are abundantly distinct. The former has three apical ocelli in the forewing, the inner discal band straight, the outer band apparently once outwardly angled in the hindwing; while the latter has four apical ocelli, the inner band outwardly angled in the middle, the outer band twice outwardly angled.

Mr. Elwes suggests that seasonal dimorphism may occur in the genus. At present I see no indications of the appearance of this phenomenon, at any rate if the usual form of seasonal dimorphism observable in the *Satyrinae* is understood. I possess the strongly ocellated *E. undularis* taken in January, October, November, and December, all of which months (except occasionally October) are dry months, when the ocelli should be obsolete: while the two type specimens of *E. falcipennis* were taken in the height of the rainy season, August and September, but have minute ocelli, instead of the normal rainy-seasonal large and well-developed ocelli. I append a note by Mr. W. Doherty on the subject, which bears out my opinion, and I may add that it is at his suggestion that I have described *E. rotundata*.

"The prehensors of *Erites* are slender and simple, and of the usual satyrid type, resembling those of most of the species of *Lethe* (*Debis*), to which the genus seems allied, the true *Lethe* (*europa*, Fabricius) being exceptional in having the upper organ without branches. Seen from the side, the upper organ (uncus, tegumen) of *E. angularis* is unusually straight; that of *E. rotundata* is much more depressed terminally. In both species the lower organ (clasp, harpago) is truncate at the tip, but in *E. angularis* it is cut square, while in *E. rotundata* the end is concave, so as to form a distinct scallop."

"Apart from these differences in the prehensors, I think Mr. Elwes' supposition, that *E. rotundata* may be the dry-season form of *E. angularis*, an unlikely one. No seasonal variation has yet been observed in the genus. I found *E. angularis*, which should be the wet-season form, commoner in the dry-season than *E. rotundata*. Finally, the dimorphism, if it exists, must be of a new type. Dry-season forms are distinguished by obliterated ocelli and angular wings, but here the non-ocellate form has the wings abnormally rounded."

I possess the following examples of *E. rotundata*. One male and one female from Beeling, Upper Burma, taken on 27th March, 1886, two males on the 29th idem, one female on the 14th April, by Lieut. E. Y. Watson; two males taken in the Pegu Yoma, Burma, by a native collector employed by the Phayre Museum, Rangoon, in December; one female from Quaymoo, Tenasserim, captured in March and another in November, in the Yoonzalcen Valley, also in Tenasserim by Major C. T. Bingham.

Two species of Pedicularis.—By D. PRAIN.

* (With Plates I and II.)

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In 1889 (*Journ. As. Soc. Beng.* lviii pt. 2, p. 255) the writer had the honour to communicate to the Society descriptions of a number of new Indian species of this genus. Since then a considerable number of new species have been reported from China and Tibet and have been described in various periodicals by Messrs Maximowicz, Hemsley and Franchet, and by the writer. Now, another new Indian species has been reported; of this a description is given below and the present opportunity is taken of describing an allied new species from Szechuen.

1. *PEDICULARIS DIFFUSA* Prain, *sp. nov.* (PL. I.)

Elata simplex vel c collo diffuse ramosa, radice debili ramosa collo esquamato, caulibus gracilibus simplicibus, foliis radicalibus longe petiolatis mox evanescentibus caulinis 4-natis verticillatis laminis glabrescentibus ovato-oblongis pinnatisectis, segmentis 5-8-jugis oblongis obtusis inciso-serratis; floribus verticillatis verticillis numerosis inter se remotis, bracteis foliaceis oblongo-ovatis petiolatis pinnatifidis et inciso-serratis; calycis brevis pedicellati campanulati membranacei inflati totius reticulati antice vix fissi dentibus majusculis inaequilatis anticis et lateralibus ovatis inciso-serratis illis duplo his 4-plo summo deltoideo integro latioribus; corollae roseae tubo sursum ampliato calyce duplo longiore basi infracto, labio 3-lobo lobis oblongo-ovatis margine sinuatis lateralibus medio dimidio majoribus, galea leviter arcuata tubo subcontinua apice subincurva crostri; staminibus ex adverso summi ovarii insertis filamentis anticis superne hirsutis; ovario ovoideo stigmate parum exserto, capsula anguste lanceolata apice acuta calyce duplo longiore, seminibus ovoideis testa nigrescente minute reticulatis.

In HIMALAYA ORIENTALI: Sikkim, Mt. Tankra, 11,500 p. s. m.; *G. A. Gamble*!

Caulibus 40–60 cm. longis, foliis caulinis 2–2.5 cm. longis his 0.75–1 cm. latis, segmentis 5 mm. longis 3 mm. latis, petiolis 0.5–1 cm. longis; calyce 6 mm. longo hoc 3.5 mm. lato; corollae tubo 10 mm. longo apice 4 mm. lato, galea 5 mm. longa, labio 8 mm. lato; capsula 12 mm. longa 5 mm. lata.

This species is most nearly related to *P. verticillata* Linn. and *P. refracta* Maxim. but besides differing greatly in habit and foliage from both it differs from *P. verticillata* in having a calyx with large teeth and with a tube reticulated throughout, while it differs from *P. refracta* in having the anterior and lateral calyx teeth serrate and not entire; from both it differs in having acute, not mucous, anther-cells.

Of Indian species, it in habit much resembles *P. flexuosa* Hook. f., though it is glabrescent while that species is hirsute, but the plant that it imitates most closely is *P. gracilis* Wall. var. *macrocarpa* Prain, the likeness being so great that though in flower they differ so widely, it is not easy to distinguish fruiting specimens of the two.

2. PEDICULARIS FLACCIDA Prain; sp. nov. (Pl. II.).

Ascendens glabra caulibus gracilibus corymbosim ramosis, foliis ramisque 3–4-natis verticillatis radicalibus mox evanescentibus caulinis breve petiolatis ovatis pinnatifidis segmentis 5–6-jugis obtusis inciso-serratis; floribus in verticillis 4-floris paucis remotisque dispositis, bracteis foliaceis calycem excedentibus; calycis glaberrimi parvuli campanulati antice parum fissi 5-dentati segmentis omnibus oblongis integris tubo costato nec reticulato; corollae tubo sursum ampliato calycem 3-plo excedente basi infracto, labio 3-lobo lobis lateralibus ovatis medio orbiculato basi constricto 3-plo majoribus, galea leviter arcuata tubo subcontinua apice subincurva crostri, staminibus ex ad-verso medii ovarii insertis omnibus glabris, antheris contiguis muticis; ovario ovoideo stigmate exserto.

In CHINA OCCIDENTALI; Szechuen occident. prope Tachienlu, *Pratt* n. 471!

Caulibus 20–25 cm. longis foliis caulinis 1 cm. longis his 0.7 cm. latis segmentis 2 mm. longis 1 mm. latis, petiolis 0.5 cm. longis; calyce 2.5 mm. longo hoc 2 mm. lato; corollae tubo 8 mm. longo apice 4.5 mm. lato, galea 4 mm. longa, labio 7 mm. lato.

Like the preceding species this is also closely related to *P. verticillata* Linn. but differs considerably in habit, and though it has the calyx tube ribbed and not reticulated just as *P. verticillata* has, it differs in having the calyx distinctly toothed and extremely small. The stamens also differ in being all glabrous whereas in *P. verticillata* the anterior

VERTICILLATAE.

Galea less than half the length of the lip:—

Bracts flabellate, spike long, dense; calyx small, subglobose, not cleft, teeth small, entire; anterior filaments hairy ... *P. spicata.*

Bracts oblong or linear, spike short; calyx large ovate, teeth large:—

Calyx not cleft, teeth crested except the upper; filaments not hairy ... *P. lineata.*

Calyx cleft, teeth all entire; anterior filaments hairy ... *P. likiangensis.*

Galea about equal in length to the lip:—

Calyx-tube not not-veined between the ribs:—

Calyx cleft, hardly toothed; anthers discrete, anterior filaments hairy ... *P. verticillata.*

Calyx not cleft, distinctly toothed; anthers contiguous, filaments not hairy ... *P. flaccida.*

Calyx-tube net-veined between the ribs:—

Calyx hardly cleft, teeth crested except the upper; anterior filaments hairy... *P. diffusa.*

Calyx distinctly cleft, teeth entire:—

Margin of galea even; anterior filaments hairy ... *P. refractu.*

Margin of galea-toothed; filaments not hairy ... *P. szelschuanica.*

Explanation of the Plates.

PLATE I. *Pedicularis diffusa* Prain.

1, Flower with bract; 2, calyx with ovary and style; 3, half of corolla showing staminal insertion; 4, stamens; 5, capsule; 6 seed: 1, 2, 3 and 5 magnified $\frac{1}{2}$; 4 and 6 magnified $\frac{1}{4}$.

PLATE II. *Pedicularis flaccida* Prain.

1, Flower with bract; 2, calyx with ovary and style; 3, half of corolla showing staminal insertion: all magnified $\frac{1}{2}$.

Some Observations of the Electrical action of Light upon Silver and its Haloid Compounds:—By Colonel J. WATERHOUSE, I. S. C., Assistant Surveyor General of India.

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In my paper on "Electro-chemical Reversals with Thio-carbamides," read at the meeting of the Society in April 1891, it was shown that the peculiar reversals of the photographic image produced by the addition of very minute quantities of a thio-carbamide, or sulpho-urea, to an eikonogen developer appeared to be connected with and accompanied by electro-chemical action, if not actually brought about by it. It was remarked also that the experiments brought forward pointed to the conclusion that, at any rate as regards the haloid salts of silver, the formation and development of the photographic image is to a very great extent influenced by electrical action, more so perhaps than has generally been recognised, although the fact of photographic action being accompanied by electrical phenomena has been known since the earliest days of photography. It was suggested that a further investigation into the theory of photography based on electro-chemical laws, might be of value in throwing light upon much that is now obscure and uncertain as regards the formation and development of the invisible photographic image formed by the exposure to light of silver haloid compounds.

Since that time I have given a good deal of attention to the subject and tried several experiments in various ways with the object of ascertaining the electrical action of light, in connection with photography, on plates of pure silver immersed in various fluids as well as on dry plates and other forms of silver haloid compounds in ordinary photographic use. Also on the action of electrical currents in forming developable compounds of silver haloids similar to those formed by light, and, further, on the electrolysis of ordinary photographic developers and on the currents produced during the development of the photographic image. These observations are not yet sufficiently complete to found any sound deductions upon, but I hope to complete them later. In the meantime, I have thought that a short note on some observations I have lately made on the electrical action of light upon plain silver plates in various solutions, might be of interest and form a suitable introduction to any further notes on this subject I may be able to bring before you. It does not pretend to be complete or exhaustive, and can only be considered as a contribution towards a systematic investigation of the question.

A great many observations have been made from time to time of the electrical influence of light on metals immersed in water and various saline solutions, and before going further, it seems desirable to give a brief summary of these observations, and more particularly of those relating to silver and its salts.

More than half a century ago, in 1839, Edmond Becquerel was the first to show that the electrical action accompanying the chemical changes brought about by the influence of light upon various substances, including several metals and the silver haloids, could be observed with the aid of a very delicate galvanometer. He found that this action was quite independent of any calorific radiation or heating of one electrode more than another, but was powerfully affected by the different rays of the spectrum, the greatest action being produced by the violet, indigo and blue rays, while with the green, yellow and red rays there was little or no action. Becquerel's observations are fully summarized in his work, "*La Lumière, ses causes et ses effets*," Vol. II. To observe these effects he used a covered vessel divided into two parts by a thin membrane. In each of the compartments he placed a plate of platinum or gold, previously made red-hot to remove all impurities, the plates being connected with the poles of a very sensitive galvanometer, and laid horizontally in the apparatus. Each compartment had a moveable cover. He found that when the two compartments contained an alkaline solution, the plate exposed to the solar rays took negative electricity, while the reverse occurred if the solution were acid. With alterable metals, such as silver or brass, analogous effects were obtained and the electrical effect could be largely increased by giving the plates a preliminary polarisation by plunging them in water and then placing them in connection with the positive pole of a battery. When two silver plates were immersed in water acidulated with nitric acid exposure to light of one plate only produced a very weak current and the exposed plate was always positive. If the gold or platinum plates had been thoroughly cleaned, had remained in strong nitric acid and had been made red hot, the different parts of the spectrum were almost powerless to produce electric currents. With well cleaned silver plates which had been heated several times the effects were also almost *nil*, though not quite absent, and from this fact it seemed possible that when the plates were not in this state the effects produced might be due to the action of light upon corpuscles of organic matter adhering to the plates which become oxidised by the action of light, the water supplying the oxygen. If this effect did not take place and there was no alteration in the plates themselves the light must produce a disturbance of the particles, but the former supposition seemed most probable. He found that when

silver chloride, iodide or bromide, precipitated in a thin layer on sheets of platinum or gold, was exposed to light as above, the exposed plate was positive, and that the initial action was much stronger with the bromide than with the chloride; though the intensity of the currents observed was variable and depended on the thickness of the film of bromide, moreover the electrical action was soon exhausted. With the iodide the current was almost as strong as with the chloride, but did not remain constant so long.

When plates of silver were employed, instead of platinum or gold, as a support for the haloids, the effects noted were stronger and more regular, but it was found that the direction of the current depended on the thickness of the films; with thin coatings the exposed plate was positive, and with thick coatings negative. This was markedly the case with plates of silver exposed to the vapours of iodine. With vapour of bromine the exposed silver plate was negative, the initial current, even with diffused light, was very strong, but after remaining exposed to light for some minutes then protected from light and again exposed to its influence, it was found that the current was very weak. A film of silver chloride prepared by exposing a silver plate to the vapour of chlorine gave only a very weak effect, but plates coated with the violet subchloride behaved very well in these trials and yielded for a long time results from which comparisons could be made.

On the basis of these experiments Becquerel invented his electrochemical actinometer which was practically a voltaic element or cell composed of two plates of very pure silver coated usually with the violet subchloride of silver and plunged into a conducting fluid composed of two parts of monohydrated sulphuric acid in 100 parts of water. The apparatus was so arranged that all light was excluded, except from an adjustable opening on one side by which one of the plates could be exposed to light while the other remained in darkness.

When diffused daylight or sunshine acted upon one of the plates, more or less deviation of the needle was observed which remained constant so long as the light remained of the same intensity and the surface was sufficiently sensitive. If the light was shut off, the needle returned to zero or somewhat beyond it, but soon regained its original position. If the light remained of the same intensity and the plate was again exposed, the electrical effect was the same as before, always provided that the sensibility of the plate remained the same, for which purpose the sensitive coating should be sufficiently thick. Under favourable conditions the sensibility of the instrument might be preserved for a whole day and thus several consecutive observations might be made.

The deflections of the needle could not, however, be considered as

proportional to the intensity of the chemical action exerted on the substance and consequently to the active luminous intensity; they only shewed whether this luminous intensity was greater or less in one circumstance or in another.

With this instrument Becquerel observed the effect of different rays of the spectrum on silver iodide and violet subchloride, and found that in both cases the maximum of action was in the green about D. $\frac{2}{3}$ E; but while with the chloride the action decreased on both sides of this point, and ceased at A and H, with the iodide that had already been exposed there was a second maximum in the indigo blue about G $\frac{2}{3}$ H, and thence the action decreased to P in the ultra-violet. In neither case was any reversed action observed in the red rays, as observed with sensitive papers, but that might be due to the fact that in one case the sensitive surface was in water and in the other in air. Becquerel has not recorded any corresponding observations with silver bromide.

About 1840, Robert Hunt repeated Becquerel's experiments with many modifications, and the results he obtained (*Phil. Mag.*, XVI, 1840), completely confirmed them. More careful trials with the spectrum on plates of different metals made later showed that every ray of the spectrum produces an electrical disturbance. The rays, however, at the least refrangible end, produce a deflection of the needle in one direction, whilst the most refrangible rays set up a disturbance in an opposite direction. There are many indications of a condition analogous to polarity in the action of the prismatic rays. (*Researches on Light*, p. 295.) Hunt also remarks that "This action is only to be regarded as one of the evidences of chemical disturbance, exciting electrical currents; yet at the same time, it opens the question of the identity of the agent producing this disturbance and electricity."

In 1858, Grove (*Phil. Mag.*, XVI., (4), p. 426.) recorded that he had succeeded in obtaining a deflection of the galvanometer needle by allowing a beam of light suddenly to impinge on a daguerreotype plate in a trough of water, the plate being connected with one pole of the galvanometer and a gridiron of silver wire in front of the plate with the other. In experiments with platinum plates he came to the conclusion that the action of light was always in the direction of the polarisation current, though further experiments by Becquerel and others have shown that this is not the case.

In 1863, Pacinotti found that when pairs of plates of copper, zinc, iron or lead were immersed in solutions of certain salts of the same metals, the exposed plate was always negative, but with plates of silver immersed in a solution of nitrate of silver the plate exposed to sunshine

was positive, whereas if exposed to the rays of a petroleum lamp, or of a heated thick iron plate it was negative, as were also the other metals. (*Cimento*, XVIII, p. 363.)

In 1875, Hankel published a series of observations on this subject (*Wied. Ann.*, I, 1877) in which he showed that the electrical behaviour of the metals under the influence of light depended very much on the condition of their surfaces; consequently, in such observations it is necessary to consider separately each state of surface. His observations were made on copper in different states, tin, brass, zinc, platinum and silver. With regard to the latter, he records that when two plates of fairly pure silver were immersed in filtered tap water, the plate exposed to the light of white clouds was negative. When the plates had been left a day in the water the rays of the setting sun still gave a pretty strong negative impulsion. Platinum plates coated with silver were slightly positive with white or blue light, while red light produced no effect. Silver plates coated with platinum, (old platinised silver battery plates) which were slightly negative when coupled in circuit with plain platinum, were found to be very sensitive to light, and the exposed plate was positive. With coloured glasses the action was strongest under blue glass, but was also quite strong under yellow and red glasses; gaslight also produced a pretty strong deviations of the galvanometer needle, and it was found that the action under dark red and blue glasses was stronger than under a light green which was much more transparent.

In 1878, Professor Dewar published a preliminary note on "Experiments in electric photometry," (*Proc. Roy. Soc.*, XXVII, 1878, p. 364) in which he dealt principally with the construction of the best form of cell for the general investigation of the electrical actions induced by light on fluid substances. He found that the list of substances that may be proved to undergo chemical decomposition by light, was very extensive, some of the most active being the ferro- and ferri-cyanides of potassium and the nitroprusside of sodium, tartrate of uranium add a mixture of selenious and sulphurous acids in presence of hydrochloric acid. The complete paper does not appear to have been published.

In 1876, M. Egoroff published a note (*Comptes Rendus, Acad. Franc.*, LXXXII, 1876) on a differential electro-actinometer for the purpose of determining the absorption of the ultra-violet rays by different media. The instrument consisted of two of Becquerel's electro-actinometers placed one above the other and arranged so that the current of one might be neutralised by the other. In some preliminary observations with iodised silver plates he found that the intensity of the current was proportional to the width of the opening through which

light was admitted. It was also inversely proportional to the square of the distance of the source of light from the apparatus. An oil lamp was used. The instrument appeared to show an exact proportionality between the intensity of the light and that of the current, and its great sensitiveness and precision would enable it to be used as a very delicate photometer. In these experiments he found that the electromotive force exerted by the November sun upon iodised silver plates through an opening 30 mm. wide was $\frac{1}{18}$ of a Daniell cell; with a petroleum lamp, at 8 inches distance, it was only 0·004 Daniell.

Dr. J. Moser afterwards, in 1887, in working on Egoroff's plan found that the photo-electric current might be greatly increased by treating the chlorised, iodised or bromised silver plates with solutions of erythrosin, benzo-purpurin and other dyes, and in sunlight he observed currents of a strength equal to half a volt (Eder's *Jahrbuch der Photographie*, &c., 1888, p. 297.)

At the meeting of the British Association, in 1880, Professor G. M. Minchin gave an account of his experiments on the generation of electric currents by the action of light on silver plates which were coated with emulsions of bromide, chloride, iodide and other salts of silver in gelatine and collodion, as well as with cosine, fluorescine and various aniline dyes, the object of these experiments being the solution of the problem of producing a photographic image of an object at a distance. A detailed account of these and other interesting experiments on light-cells was read before the Physical Society and published in the *Philosophical Magazine*, for March 1891.

He found that when two pieces of clean silver foil attached to glass plates were coated with an emulsion of chloride of silver in collodion and immersed in distilled water containing a few grains of common salt, the plates being connected with the terminals of a Thomson's galvanometer and one of them screened from the light, that on exposing the unscreened plate there was an electric current produced and the exposed plate was *negative* to the unexposed. The same effect was observed with plates coated with emulsions of silver bromide in water containing a little potassium bromide. When the plates were coated with iodide of silver in collodion by the wet silver-bath method, the liquid being water containing a little potassium iodide, there was a reversal of the nature of the exposed plate, it being *positive* to the unexposed. With coloured glasses in front of the exposed plates it was found that the red rays produced comparatively feeble currents, while those produced in the blue and violet rays were very great, but the directions of the current were the same for all rays. This agrees with Becquerel's observations. With plates coated with

an emulsion of silver sulphide in potassic sulphate, the exposed plate was *positive*, the direction of the currents being the same for all rays, the strength of the current being least for the rays passing through the green glass.

With plates coated with an emulsion of silver nitrate in gelatine in a weak solution of barium nitrate the exposed plate was *positive*. The effect of the red rays was very small, and of the blue rays very great.

One of the most important points in Professor Minchin's observations is his discovery of the formation of an invisible developable deposit on silver plates coated with an emulsion of silver bromide, by the action of the electrical current from a single bichromate cell passing through the plates when immersed in water containing a little potassium bromide. He found (1) that the plate connected with the carbon pole, the cathode, was without the employment of any developer visibly blackened in its immersed part, (2) that no visible change took place on the other plate attached to the zinc, but when the plate was developed with an ordinary pyrogallie acid developer its immersed portion was also blackened. These effects were entirely due to the passage of the current and were strictly confined to those portions of the sensitive plate through which the current passed.

The special bearing of these observations upon the formation and composition of the invisible or visible developable photographic image formed by the action of light, does not appear to have been generally recognised. I began last year a series of observations on this subject which quite confirmed Professor Minchin's: unfortunately they were interrupted before completion, but I hope to resume them in due course, after the completion of the present series, and bring them before the Society on a future occasion.

Professor Minchin also found that by coating silver plates with eosine and gelatine, comparatively strong currents were obtained and the plates were very sensitive to variations in the light. The current generated by daylight in one of these eosine cells was sufficiently strong to produce the photographic action on a silver bromide plate without any preliminary exposure of the bromide plate to gaslight. He also describes a curious case of inversion of the current occurring in the eosine and other cells, which I have also noticed, the initial current being such as to make the exposed plate *positive* to the other. This current, however, was of very short duration and was succeeded by a steady and much stronger normal current in the opposite direction, the exposed plate being *negative* to the unexposed. On suddenly shutting off the light from the plate the instantaneous effect was to

increase the existing current, the effect being merely impulsive, after which the current generally disappeared. This cell having been kept in the dark for a fortnight, it was found that while the inverse currents were produced as before, the initial current on exposure was enormously increased in magnitude and duration. It then disappeared gradually and was succeeded by a current in the reverse direction. When one of these plates was removed from the cell and immersed in water in presence of a clean silver plate, it was at once on exposure to light *negative*, like a silver plate coated in the ordinary way with an emulsion of eosine. In preparing these eosine-gelatine films, it was found to be an advantage to immerse them for a few minutes in a strong solution of alum in order to prevent the dye from washing out of the film too readily.

With silver plates coated with naphthalene red and gelatine the effects were not so strong as with eosine; the exposed plate was *positive* and with strong red rays there appeared to be a reversal of the sign of the E. M. F.

Plates coated with iodine green and exposed to sunshine gave currents with an E. M. F. amounting to about $\frac{1}{20}$ volt.

M. F. Griveaux, experimenting on silver plates coated with a film of silver iodide, plunged into solutions of iodine of different strengths, circulating through the cell, found that the maximum value of the E. M. F. developed by light acting on one of the plates decreased as the strength of the iodine solution increased, till a certain point was reached at and above which the E. M. F. was *nil*. Also that this point was regulated by the distance of the plates from the source of light; the nearer the plates the higher the concentration point of the solution and *vice versa*. The same effects were observed with silver chloride and bromide. (*Comptes Rendus Acad. Franc.*, CVII, 1888, p. 837.)

I have entered somewhat fully into these previous experiments because very little appears to be generally known about the subject and it seemed desirable to bring together the scattered observations.

In carrying out my experiments I have used two kinds of cells, one horizontal and one vertical, more usually the latter. It consists of a glass cell in which the plates can be coupled face to face or back to back, one being screened from light by the other and by one or two interposed screens of ruby or yellow glass, the cell being covered all round except at an opening on one side. This glass cell is enclosed in a wooden box with a shutter on one side sliding in front of an opening about 1.5" \times .5", corresponding to the one in the glass cell. In front of this shutter there are grooves in which coloured glasses can

be placed in front of the opening. The upper part of the wooden case is open, but can be closed by a lid, through which, if necessary, a funnel may be passed to admit of solutions being poured into the cell without letting in light. The silver plates used with this cell are 4 inches long, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, other plates, such as photographic sensitive dry plates or celluloid films, being about the same size or smaller.

The other cell is a modification of the form used by Becquerel in his earlier experiments, and consists of a wooden trough divided into two compartments by a double wooden screen which allows the free circulation of the electrolytic fluid, while completely shutting off light from the unexposed compartment. This trough is covered with a lid, having two large openings fitted with hinged shutters, to the underside of which mirrors are attached for the purpose of reflecting light at will on to one or other of the sensitive surfaces in the compartments below. By this arrangement the whole of the sensitive plate can be exposed to light, instead of only part of it, as in the vertical cell, and at the same time the perfect protection of the unexposed plate from strong light is better secured than it is in the vertical cell. This horizontal trough is constructed to take two plates $3\frac{1}{4}'' \times 4\frac{1}{4}''$ or smaller.

In most cases, even under favourable conditions, the light-currents observed, are exceedingly weak, and therefore a very sensitive form of galvanometer is necessary. The one I have used is the latest modification of the Rosenthal micro-galvanometer made by Edelmann, in Munich. It is said to be the most sensitive form of galvanometer made, enabling currents of about a billionth of an ampère to be read with a resistance in the coils of only 1,000 ohms. It is fitted with a telescope by which direct readings are made off the mirror from a millimetre scale placed at one metre from it. In this position and without the directing magnet, using the $\frac{1}{1000}$ shunt, with a total external resistance of about 60,000 ohms in circuit, the deflection caused by one gravity-Daniell cell is one millimetre division of the scale. By using the directing magnet the normal sensitiveness of the instrument can be very greatly increased, though in most of the experiments it has been found sufficiently sensitive without the magnet, and when used, the increase of sensitiveness has been limited to about five times the normal. The instrument can be set up in any position, is simple in construction and I find it very sensitive, convenient in use and easy to observe with fair precision, considering the difficulty there is in obtaining freedom from shake and tremor in a city like Calcutta built on a bad foundation of mud. In reading the scale which is 50 centimetres long,

sub-divided into millimetres, I have usually fixed the zero point at 30, so that the readings above or below it may as far as possible show different signs of E. M. F., and the direction of the currents has been so arranged that a change in the position of the index to the apparent left from 30 to 0 shall indicate that the exposed plate is *negative* to the unexposed, as copper to zinc, while a change to the apparent right, 30 to 50, shows that it is *positive*, or as zinc to copper.

The coloured glasses used have been of the kinds ordinarily met with in the bazar. A deep ruby, a brownish yellow, a medium green, and a dark blue, and conditions being favourable it has generally been possible to observe some trace of a current even with the deep ruby in strong sunshine.

When observations were made with the spectroscope, whether with a Rowland's diffraction grating or prisms, it was found that the amount of light admitted through the slit for ordinary work, was quite inadequate, even when the slit was open at its widest; and it was therefore necessary, in most cases, to use a much wider slit, or to dispense with its use altogether; also to use the directing magnet on the galvanometer to increase the sensitiveness.

In all cases sunshine has been reflected on to the sensitive plates by means of a heliostat, as it was not convenient to use the direct rays of the sun. With the flat cell there were thus two reflections, but any loss of light was amply made up by the increased surface exposed.

As is usual in such experiments, there were almost invariably more or less strong local or polarisation currents generated between the plates themselves, especially when they were freshly immersed in the solutions, and it was generally found desirable to leave the cell from 12 to 24 hours before use, so as to give time for these currents to subside. Sometimes, however, from half an hour to an hour, or even in some cases a few minutes is sufficient. It was found, too, that even if there was no polarisation current at the commencement of an experiment, the action of light occasionally gave rise to fairly strong currents quite independent of, and sometimes opposed to, the currents produced by exposure to sunshine, while at others they were in the same direction. Thus it was sometimes difficult to ascertain how far the currents observed were due to light or to polarisation. The only test was the retrograde movement of the needle after shutting off the light.

Another difficulty in making these observations may be noted, and that is, the apparent reversals of current which are due in many cases to decrease in the strength of the light, though the decrease may be almost imperceptible. For the same reason, if coloured glasses be applied without first completely shutting off the light after the plates

have been exposed to sunshine, there is an apparent reversal due to the loss of power in the light, and not to change of direction of the E. M. F. As a rule my observations with coloured glasses or the spectrum have agreed with Becquerel's and Minchin's that no reversal of sign is produced by any of the coloured rays. At the same time, I have found that in some cases the blue rays appear to have a reversing tendency, as might be anticipated from their very strong reversing action on certain forms of sensitive photographic plates containing iodide or bromo-iodide of silver. This point, however, requires much more complete investigation with the aid of the spectroscope, and will be further considered when dealing with the silver haloids. During the time I have been engaged with these observations, the weather has been unusually changeable and cloudy for the time of year, and hence it has been difficult to compare the results of observations on different days. For this reason it has been impossible to give more than general indications of the amount of deflection caused by the action of light in the cases recorded: exact observations would have to be made with a standard light.

It seemed desirable to commence the observations with experiments on plain silver plates in different fluids. The plates used were not quite pure, having been reduced from various silver residues, and were about '974 touch. They were four inches long and one and a quarter inch wide, and were usually cleaned with fine emery powder, or with emery cloth immediately before and after use. It is, however, better to make sure of the purity and cleanliness of the surface of the plates for each operation by heating them red-hot and then immersing them in dilute sulphuric acid. As facilities for doing this with thick plates were not readily available, it has been omitted in all the following observations. As a rule, the plates were immersed in the solutions to a depth of from 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, care being taken to avoid moistening the upper unimmersed parts by capillary action or otherwise, and so exposing them to irregular currents from this cause. The plates were about half an inch apart, being kept separated by two wooden blocks with a dark ruby glass plate between them.

I. SILVER PLATES IN WATER.

Distilled Water.

Distilled water being almost a nonconductor, the currents observed were naturally exceedingly weak and could only be clearly seen with strong sunshine. The deflection observed without the magnet varied from '5 to 3 divisions of the scale, and in nearly all cases the exposed plate was positive to the unexposed, and formed the anode or dissolving plate of the couple. In some cases the exposed plate became more

sensitive after the first exposure, but after a few exposures lost all sensitiveness. The current being so small, it was not thought necessary to experiment with coloured glass or the spectrum. With the directing magnet placed as before described the deflection was increased to about 6·5 divisions.

Tap Water.

The tap water used was the filtered Hooghly water, supplied in the town mains. It is fairly pure and free from lime salts, but chlorides are present in moderately large proportion, the amount of chlorine varying from ·5 to 1·4 parts per 100,000, and at the time of the experiments it would be about 1 to 1·2 parts per 100,000. The total hardness varies from 3·15 to 11·5 parts and would be about 9 parts per 100,000 at the time of the experiments. In most of the cases observed the exposed plate was distinctly positive to the unexposed, as with distilled water; but in some cases it was negative, and in one or two instances the action was irregular. The plates were rather more sensitive than they were in distilled water, the normal deflections without the directing magnet varying from 1 to 7 divisions of the scale, but usually they were between 2 and 4.

In one case in which the plates had been in the cell for about 38 hours, and there was only a very slight cell-current, exposure to sunshine gave a deflection of + 4·5 divisions without the magnet, but with it the deflection in bright sunshine rose to + 20 divisions, and even in diffused light was + 5 divisions. Exposing under ruby glass gave a deflection of + ·5; yellow glass + ·7; green glass + 1; blue glass + ·5 in diffused light, and + 7·5 in sunshine. Trials were also made with the grating spectroscope without the directing magnet, but the results were not conclusive and the unsettled weather has, so far, prevented their being repeated with the galvanometer in its most sensitive state. The plates were found very sensitive to changes in the strength of the light, but after repeated exposure to sunshine they seemed to lose sensitiveness. By the action of the water a greyish deposit of chloride was formed and in some cases a darkened image of the exposed part of the plate could be seen. It may be noted that my experience does not agree generally with that of Hankel, who found that, of two silver plates immersed in water the plate exposed to white clouds, or to the setting sun, was negative. I find, however, that on one occasion when fresh plates were exposed to daylight, the exposed plate was negative, the deflection being about - 1·5 divisions of the scale. On again exposing the same plates to sunshine the exposed plate was positive, and remained so afterwards on further exposure. On two other occasions of expo-

sure to daylight, the exposed plate was also negative. When exposed to sunshine the plates were almost invariably positive. I have noticed this difference with plates in other solutions.

II. SILVER PLATES IN DILUTE ACIDS.

As we have seen above, Becquerel found that with plates of gold or platinum, immersed in acid solutions, the plate exposed to the light was always positive. The same rule seems to apply to silver plates in most cases, but not in all.

Dilute Sulphuric Acid.

The action of dilute sulphuric acid upon silver plates under the influence of light seems to be rather irregular, but I find on looking through all the experiments made, that in nearly all cases the first exposed plate of each pair had a negative tendency when first exposed, though it might become positive by subsequent exposures and in the same way the second plate of the pair, which was screened during the first exposure, might also be positive on first exposure. The general tendency was undoubtedly positive. The irregularities may be partly due to the plates not being quite pure.

With silver plates immersed in distilled water acidified with about a drop of acid in some 60 cc. of water, the exposed plate was generally positive when exposed to bright sunlight, the deflection without the directing magnet varying from 1 to 4.5 divisions of the scale, sometimes increasing after repeated exposures. In one experiment, however, the exposed plate was distinctly and uniformly negative, even after the position of the plates had been reversed, but subsequent exposure of the reversed plate made it positive. In another it was negative on first exposure and then positive.

With a pair of plates in tap water, acidified in the same way, the plate exposed to sunshine was first negative with a deflection of -3 divisions on the scale, which increased to -6 divisions by subsequent exposures. Exposure under coloured glasses also gave a negative deflection, amounting with red glass to -1, with yellow and green glasses to -2; with blue glass to -5, and exposed to sunshine again -6, as before. The same plates being again exposed to sunshine later on were also negative at first, but became positive and much more sensitive. Under coloured glasses the deflections were also positive and very much larger than on the first exposure of the plate. After reversal, so that the former unexposed plate became the exposed plate, the deflection was again negative, amounting to -7 divisions; and increasing with the exposure. These plates were very sensitive to changes in

light, and there was a perceptible deposit of chloride (P) on their immersed surfaces.

With plates immersed in a 1 per cent. solution of sulphuric acid in distilled water, it was found that if the plates were exposed to sunshine a very short time after being immersed in the dilute acid, they were at first negative and fairly sensitive to light but afterwards became positive; whereas in a case when the plates were left standing for 24 hours to reduce the polarisation, they were positive, and much less sensitive than the plates which were negative. After a short time they seemed to lose all sensitiveness.

In tap water containing the same proportion of acid, the exposed plates were generally positive on opening the shutter; but the current quickly decreased, and with some plates after several exposures they gave a negative deflection.

With plates immersed in distilled water containing two per cent. of acid the deflections were usually positive and the plates seemed to become less sensitive by repeated exposure and by keeping.

With plates immersed in dilute acid at 5 per cent., which had been allowed to stand for 24 hours, and showed a very small cell-current, the first plate of the pair was distinctly negative when exposed, the deflection being -4 , decreasing with exposure to -2 , but the second plate when exposed after reversal of the plates in the cell was positive with a deflection of $+6$. Two other pairs of plates in freshly-mixed acid were positive on first and subsequent exposures. The addition of acid lowered the sensitiveness of the plates considerably.

• All the plates showed a slight grey deposit or stain on the immersed ends, but no trace of an image.

Dilute Nitric Acid.

With nitric acid the exposed plates are nearly always positive and the action is far more uniform than with sulphuric acid, especially when an appreciable quantity of acid, as one per cent. and over, is used. Becquerel also found the exposed silver plate positive in dilute nitric acid.

With distilled water acidified with about 1 drop of acid in 70 cc., the exposed plate was positive on first exposure, but afterwards became negative. The plates were not very sensitive, the deflections without the directing magnet varying from 1 to 3 divisions of the scale.

With 1 per cent. of nitric acid, *sp. g.* 1.250, in distilled water, after 14 hours standing, the exposed plate was uniformly positive, and more sensitive than with the acidulated water, the deflections in sunshine being from 3.5 to 5.5 divisions, without the directing magnet. There

was a slight greyish deposit on the plates, but no image on the exposed part.

With three per cent. of the same acid in distilled water, after 22 hours standing, the first plate exposed in weak sunshine first showed a negative deflection of 2 divisions, and after that was positive, the deflection of repeated exposures being steadily about + 5 divisions, without the magnet. With the directing magnet, the deflection was about + 20 divisions with the 100 ohm, or $\frac{1}{10}$, shunt.

After the experiment the solution was found to contain silver.

Dilute Phosphoric Acid.

With dilute phosphoric acid the deflections were almost always positive. Plates freshly immersed in a mixture containing 1 per cent. of the acid, sp.g. 1.750, in distilled water and exposed to sunshine, gave an initial deflection, without the magnet, of + 23 divisions, but this quickly decreased with further exposure. After shutting off the light the cell-current was found to have increased, and on again opening to sunshine the deflection seemed slightly negative, but the action generally was irregular. Subsequent exposures with the same cells or after the plates had been reversed showed positive deflection and the plates were less sensitive than at first.

With the same acid at 5 per cent. the deflections were uniformly positive. With plates exposed to sunshine after 16 hours, the deflection without the magnet was + 8 divisions, but, as in the former case, it was less on subsequent exposure. The same decrease of sensitiveness after exposure was noticed with the plates after reversal in the cell.

Dilute Hydrochloric Acid.

With 1 per cent. of hydrochloric acid, sp. g. 1.150, in distilled water, the exposed plates have shewn themselves uniformly positive, and owing to the formation of a deposit of chloride they are much more sensitive to light, than are plates immersed in acids which do not form a sensitive compound with the silver. The deflections with sunshine, without the directing magnet, were from + 6 or + 7, when the plates were first exposed, to + 36, when they had been kept for some hours longer and then exposed. The plates were covered with a greyish deposit of chloride on the immersed parts, and there was a distinct darkened image on the part of the plate exposed to light. Coloured glasses all gave positive deflections, the red being the smallest, and then the green.

With 3 per cent. acid, after 22 hours resting, the plates exposed to sunshine were positive. The increase of acid seemed to reduce the sen-

sensitivity very much, the highest deflection in sunshine, without the directing magnet, being + 16, while after the plates had stood for 37 hours it was only + 11.

There was a dark grey deposit of chloride on the immersed parts of the plates, which took a violet or purple colour on exposure to light, and gave off an odour of chlorine.

Dilute Hydrobromic Acid.

With dilute hydrobromic acid containing 10 cc. of the ordinary pharmaceutical dilute acid, of 10 per cent., to 100 cc. distilled water, the plate exposed to sunshine or diffused daylight was uniformly *negative* and extremely sensitive to light, the first deflection in bright sunshine being about - 187 divisions, without the directing magnet, decreasing to a steady reading of about 140 divisions. Even coloured glasses gave fairly large deflections; red, - 13; yellow, - 54; green, - 64; blue, - 103.

With dilute acid of double the above strength, the exposed plate was also uniformly *negative*, but the plates did not seem so sensitive, the deflection in sunshine, without the magnet, being only - 82; but the readings depend very much on the strength of the light, and this was variable at the time of observing.

In both these cases the plates were coated with a grey-greenish-yellow deposit of bromide, which turned dark on exposure, and formed a visible image of the exposed part of the plate.

Dilute Hydriodic Acid.

As pure hydriodic acid is somewhat troublesome to prepare, I roughly made up a solution of it by precipitating one gramme of barium iodide, dissolved in water, with sulphuric acid and adding water to make up 100 c.c. There was, however, a considerable quantity of free iodine present, the solution being of a light sherry colour.

The cell containing two clean silver plates immersed in this solution was left standing for 15 hours. The plate exposed to sunshine was then found strongly *negative*, the deflection, without the directing magnet, being - 110 divisions of the scale, afterwards going up to - 130 divisions. The plate was, very insensitive to weak daylight, the reading being only 12 divisions when the sun was hidden behind clouds. With coloured glasses fairly large deflections were obtained, always in the same *negative* direction; red glass giving - 15 with daylight, and - 16 with sunlight; yellow - 16.5 with daylight, and - 20 with sun; green - 14 with daylight, and - 19 with sun; blue - 16 with daylight, and - 80 with sun. By keeping, the plates

became less sensitive. They were covered with a strong loose deposit of iodide, under which the silver surface was darkened. A faint image of the exposed part was visible.

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Dilute Glacial Acetic Acid.

With plates freshly immersed in dilute glacial acetic acid of 1 per cent., the plate exposed to sunshine was positive, the deflection being about + 65 divisions, without the magnet; a second exposure gave a deflection of + 83 divisions. By keeping for 24 hours the plates were less sensitive, but remained positive.

Plates immersed in dilute acid of 5 per cent. and kept 24 hours before exposure were less sensitive than the above, the deflection with sunshine being only + 3 divisions without the magnet, and they became less sensitive by further exposure, but were always positive.

Dilute Formic Acid.

The only other organic acid I have yet tried is formic acid, one per cent. in distilled water. After the cell had been standing 24 hours, exposure to sunshine gave a deflection amounting to about 8 divisions, the exposed plate being positive. The same plates after another 24 hours standing were found to have become very insensitive, the deflection being only one or two divisions of the scale, the exposed plate still being positive.

III. SILVER PLATES IN ALKALINE SOLUTIONS.

Becquerel found that when platinum or gold plates were immersed in alkaline solutions, the plate exposed to light was negative. So far as my experience goes, this rule does not hold good with silver, the sign of the exposed plate being almost always positive. I have not tried these solutions very thoroughly, but the results obtained with potash and other salts used seem conclusive.

Solution of Potassium Hydroxide.

With a solution of one per cent. of caustic potash in distilled water, the cell having been standing 22 hours, the cell current was *nil*.

Exposure to bright sunshine gave a deflection of about 9.5 divisions without the magnet, the exposed plate being positive. With the magnet the deflection was about + 45 divisions in sunshine, and + 9 divisions in daylight. With sunshine under blue glass the deflection, with the magnet, was + 31; under green + 9; yellow + 8; red + 4.5. There was no deposit on the plates and no image of the exposed parts.

Solution of Potassium Carbonate.

With a solution of one per cent. of anhydrous potassium carbonate, the cell having been standing for about 14 or 15 hours, the cell-current was very small, and the plate exposed to light, either daylight or sunshine, was found to be positive, the deflection in the former case being + 22, and in the latter + 63.5, without the magnet.

With tap water made alkaline with a few drops of ten per cent. solution of the carbonate in about 60 c. c. of water, the exposed plates were also positive and very sensitive on first exposure, but the current decreased with further action of light, and in subsequent exposures the plates were less sensitive to light. They also lost sensitiveness by being kept in the cell.

Solutions of Sodium Carbonate.

With silver plates exposed shortly after immersion in 1 per cent. solution of anhydrous sodium carbonate in distilled water, the plate exposed to sunshine was positive, the deflection being about + 5 divisions without the magnet. In subsequent exposures the plates were less sensitive, but remained positive.

With a stronger solution, at 5 per cent., the results were similar, but the plates seemed somewhat more sensitive.

Solution of Lithium Carbonate.

With plates exposed shortly after immersion in a 1 per cent. solution of lithium carbonate in distilled water, the plate exposed to sunshine was positive, the deflection being about + 6 divisions without the magnet. The plates lost sensitiveness after the first exposure as well as by keeping for 34 hours, but remained positive.

Dilute Solution of Ammonia.

With a solution of 4 c. c. of strong liquid ammonia in 100 c. c. distilled water, the cell having been left standing some 14 or 15 hours, the plates were found to be exceedingly insensitive to light; even with the magnet the deflections in sunshine were only about 2 divisions, the exposed plates being positive.

Another pair of plates immersed in a freshly-mixed solution, containing 2 c. c. of liquid ammonia in 100 c. c. of water, and exposed soon after immersion, were also found insensitive, but not so much so as the last; the deflection on first exposure in sunshine being about 3 divisions, without the magnet. The current, however, decreased on further exposure, and the same effect was observed in subsequent exposures. After a short time no current was perceptible.

The immersed parts of the plates showed no deposit.

Potassium Cyanide.

With a solution of potassium cyanide in distilled water, about 1 per cent., there was a strong negative polarisation current in the cell when first prepared, which took several hours to subside. When freshly immersed the exposed plate was negative, but not very sensitive, the deflection without the magnet being only -4 divisions for sunlight. By keeping the cell 24 hours the polarisation current subsided entirely, and the plate exposed to sunshine was again negative with a deflection of -3.5 divisions. A slight movement of the cell, however, seemed to cause a reversal of the current with a deflection of $+6.5$ divisions which further continued for another 6.5 divisions after the light had been shut off. The same effect was observed on subsequent exposures, first the plate was negative then positive, while the polarisation current increased in the same direction. After a time the plate seemed to become quite insensitive to light.

With the same plates reversed there was again a very large initial negative polarisation current. On first exposure of a plate to sunshine the deflection was -14.4 divisions, without the magnet. On shutting off the light, the negative polarisation current was found to have very largely increased. On second exposure the plate was first negative and then positive. On shutting off the light the current continued $+2.5$ divisions in the same direction and then turned back in its original direction. The plates were coated with a dark grey deposit, thicker at the upper part of the plates than at the lower. About the immersion line there was a yellowish-white deposit, and the plates were deeply corroded, but no sign of an image of the exposed part was visible.

From the above experiments it would appear that as a general rule sunlight has an oxidising or dissolving effect on silver, whether in acid or alkaline solutions, the exposed plates being nearly always positive and consequently forming the anode of the voltaic couple. With solutions decomposed by silver and forming sensitive compounds the action is variable.

IV. PLAIN SILVER PLATES DRY.

When a comparatively large silver plate about 5×4 inches, not immersed in any solution, but with its ends connected by silver bands to the terminals of the galvanometer, the directing magnet being specially placed so as to increase the normal sensitiveness about 13 times, was exposed to light so that the upper half remained unexposed; it was found possible to detect a slight current between the exposed and unexposed halves of the plate; the exposed half being positive to the unexposed. With an uncleaned plate that had lain in a drawer for

some months, the deflection in sunshine was fairly large, amounting to about 10 divisions, or rather more than the deflection caused by the contact of dry zinc and copper. When, however, the same plate had been carefully cleaned with a solution of cyanide of potassium followed by the usual rubbing with emery cloth, the deflection was found to be still positive, but much smaller, being only about 1·5 divisions on first exposure, and by repeated exposure it was reduced to about ·25 division.

With subsequent exposures the deflection was generally in the same direction, but once, after fresh cleaning, it was negative. With a plate of pure silver deposited on glass, freshly polished, the first exposure gave after a short interval, a fairly strong negative deflection, but with subsequent exposures at intervals the deflections have been sometimes negative and sometimes positive, but always very small, so that the observations are somewhat uncertain. Plates of almost perfectly pure silver, 999·5 touch, obtained through the kindness of the Mint Master, Lt. Col. Baird, R. E., F. R. S., gave also rather indefinite results, owing to the smallness of the currents, and though the deflections were generally positive on first exposure of the plates, they were sometimes negative, or became so by prolonged exposure. The general tendency, however, appeared for the plates to be positive under the influence of light, and, if this is the case it would seem to point to some slight oxidising action on the surface. At the same time, the results obtained with *pure* silver and the fact that in so many cases the deflections have been first positive and then negative, appear to favour the conclusion that such plates are really negative. It was clearly ascertained that the currents produced were not due to the action of heat, because with the plate first observed and with the purest silver plates, the action of heat applied at the exposed end of the plate was to give a positive deflection, but with the less pure silver plates used in the cells and others largely alloyed with copper, the heated end of the plate was always negative to the cool end. The deflection invariably increased with the continuance of the heating, and was always in the same direction on repetition of it.

The light currents, on the other hand, showed a decrease of deflection from repeated exposures and sometimes a change of sign in a direction contrary to the heat currents shown by the same plates. The observation is rather a difficult one and requires further repetition under more favourable conditions of light, in order to obtain definite results.

I have also tried the effect of solutions of alkaline haloid salts upon silver plates, but as this paper is already beyond the usual limits, it may be well to defer the account of these and other experiments on photographic plates containing the haloid salts of silver to a future paper.

Noviciæ Indiæ VI. *A review of the genus Colquhounia.*—By D. PRAIN.

[Read May 8rd.]

Writing in 1885 (*Flora of British India*, iv, 674) Sir Joseph Hooker had to say of this genus:—"I am quite unable to distinguish the first three species,* or to reconcile their specimens, descriptions and published drawings with one another." And in 1890, when engaged in arranging the Calcutta Herbarium material of the natural order LARIATÆ to which the genus belongs,† the writer, after considerable study came to the same conclusion. Since then, however, the opening up of the hill-country to the east of the Irrawaday has enabled the Calcutta Herbarium to send native collectors into hitherto unknown portions of the Shan Hills. One result has been the communication of suites of specimens that have helped to clear up some of the doubtful points. Briefly stated, the result of a renewed study has been that there seems to be no necessity for recognising more than two species in the genus; both these species are, however, very variable, and include between them seven more or less distinguishable and definable forms. The present paper consists of a short bibliographical review of these with diagnoses of all of them, and with an account of their distribution appended.

The genus COLQUHOUNIA was founded by Wallich in 1822,‡ on specimens collected by himself in Nepal, in honour of his friend Sir Robert Colquhoun, Bart., of the H. C.'s service. His diagnosis, and voluminous description of *Colquhounia coccinea*, the species then proposed, he republished, practically unaltered, two years later,§ giving at the same time a coloured plate which represents however, not the typical plant originally described, but a variety with smaller flowers. In a note at the end of this second description, Wallich distinguishes by name and by a general diagnosis a second species, *O. vestita*. This, he says, comes from various localities in Nepal, at a higher elevation than the stations for *O. coccinea*, and occurs also in Kamaon. He says that *O. vestita* flowers in the height of the rains, *O. coccinea* at the end of the rains and in the cold weather; the main distinction given, however, is one of tomentum; this is described as being in *O. coccinea* scaly-stellate, rusty, dense and friable, in *O. vestita* soft, white, thick and separable.|| The flower-spikes and flowers are admitted to be similar; plainly therefore the distinction is not a far-reaching one.

* *Colquhounia coccinea* Wall., *O. vestita* Wall., *O. elegans* Wall.

† *Journ. As. Soc. Bengal*, lix, 2, 291.

‡ *Trans. Linn. Soc.*, xiii, 608.

§ *Tent. Flor. Nap.*, i, 12 t. 6.

|| *Tent. Flor. Nap.*, i, 14.

The LABIATÆ of the H. E. I. Company's Herbarium were distributed by Wallich in 1829;* Bentham, who revised for Wallich the naming of this particular order, treated those two species somewhat differently. In *C. coccinea* he recognized three distinct forms:—†

- (1). *C. coccinea* proper; the pink-flowered plant originally described in *Trans. Linn. Soc.*, and re-described in *Tent. Flor. Nap.*
- (2). VAR. *β. major* Benth.; the Nepalese plant from higher levels and with denser tomentum, treated by Wallich as identical with the plant from Kamaon that he distinguished specifically from *C. coccinea*.
- (3). VAR. *γ. parviflora* Benth.; an orange-flowered plant, not clearly differentiated by Wallich in either of his descriptions, but figured by him in the *Tentamen* as typical *C. coccinea*.

On the other hand the name *C. vestita* was strictly limited to the plant from Kamaon already referred to, which had been communicated to Wallich by Blinkworth,‡ and a new species from Burma, *C. elegans*, was for the first time mentioned.§ In the same year Bentham in another place defined the genus, mentioning all three species, but not there distinguishing the varieties of *C. coccinea*.||

In 1832 Wallich again dealt with these *Colquhounias*, figuring both *C. vestita* and *C. elegans*.¶ He diagnosed *C. vestita* from *C. coccinea* by its "ovate-oblong much attenuate acuminate leaves, very densely hoary tomentose below, as are the branches," adding that this character comprises all the points in which *C. vestita* differs from *C. coccinea*. From the original specimens it is evident that this figure of *C. vestita* was taken from one of Blinkworth's Kamaon specimens; Wallich did not however adopt Bentham's limitation of *C. vestita* to that locality, for he replaced in the species the Nepalese plant that forms Bentham's *C. coccinea* VAR. *major*. In immediate sequence come the definition and figure of *C. elegans*, the Burmese species; of this he mentions having only seen one shrub; the best distinction, Wallich says, between this and *C. coccinea*, which it much resembles, is the colour of the flowers—orange, dotted with crimson specks, instead of red. The plant is described as having leaves very softly tomentose on both surfaces, an idea

* *Lith. Cat.* n. 2084—6.

† *Wall. Lith. Cat.* n. 2085/1, 2085/β, 2085/γ.

‡ *Wall. Lith. Cat.* n. 2086.

§ *Wall. Lith. Cat.* n. 2084.

|| *Bentham, Synops. Labiat.* in *Bot. Reg.*, xv, sub 1292.

¶ *Plant. As. Bar.*, iii, 43, tl. 267, 268.

by no means conveyed by the figure, which represents a plant that, as Sir Joseph Hooker says,* cannot be distinguished from *C. coccinea* var. *parviflora*. These two plants are however remarkably dissimilar in tomentum, the hairs being stellate in var. *parviflora*, as they are in all the other forms of *C. coccinea*, but simple in *C. elegans*. As regards the degree of tomentum of *C. elegans* it is the description that is accurate, the figure that is misleading.

In 1834 Bentham again dealt with the genus†, and on this occasion still confined *C. vestita* to the Kamaon plant of Blinkworth, though in *C. coccinea* he now recognized only two forms:—

- (1). *C. coccinea* proper, which now includes the original plant described by Wallich, as well as the Nepalese portion of Wallich's *C. vestita*; this variety therefore now includes the original *C. coccinea* and Bentham's own *C. coccinea* var. *major*.
- (2). var. β . *parviflora* Benth., which is the same as the plant so named in 1829.

The Burmese *C. elegans* is defined in the Wallichian sense.

In 1848 Bentham‡ followed in the main his treatment of 1834, but as regards *C. coccinea* confined the Wallichian number 2085 to var. *parviflora* alone, although, as we have just seen, this number applies in the *Catalogue* to every specimen of *Colquhounia* collected in Nepal. Under *C. vestita* also Bentham diverged somewhat from his previous treatment by admitting into the species a plant sent by Griffith from Assam. This is, however, a plant that must be kept specifically apart from *C. vestita* if *C. vestita* deserves to be held specifically distinct from *C. coccinea*; while, even if *C. vestita* and *C. coccinea* be conspecific, this Assam plant is still varietally distinct from both.

In 1850 Sir William Hooker figured§ as *C. coccinea* a plant raised at Kew from seed sent by Wallich from Nepal. This is the plant originally figured by Wallich in the *Tentamen*, and therefore is not exactly the one originally described by him there and in the Linnean Society's *Transactions*; it is not typical *C. coccinea*, but is Bentham's *C. coccinea* var. *parviflora*.

In 1851 Schlechtendal described|| as *C. mollis* a plant whose origin he was unable precisely to trace. His description is, however, so full

* *Flora of British India*, iv, 674.

† *Labiat. Gen. & Sp* 644.

‡ *DC. Prodr.*, ii, 457.

§ *Bot. Mag.*, lxxvi, t. 4514.

|| *Linnaea*, viii, 681.

and clear as to leave no room for doubt that his plant is identical with the Assam one referred by Bentham to *C. vestita*.*

In 1873 Houlet figured as *C. tomentosa*† what appears to be the same plant.

In 1876 Bentham and Hooker speak of the possible existence of a fourth species‡; it is not clear whether by this fourth species be meant Schlechtendal's *C. mollis*, which is cited indirectly through a reference in Walpers; or a Burmese plant collected by Mason, Parish, Anderson and Kurz since published as *C. tenuiflora* Hook. f.§ but which in 1877 Kurz|| described as *C. elegans*. Kurz wrote under the disadvantage of only knowing Wallich's plant from the figure which Wallich gives of it; that figure, as has already been said, is quite misleading.

The next account to be noticed is the most important of all—that by Sir Joseph Hooker in the *Flora of British India*. Here four species are described :—

1. *C. coccinea* Wall.; with Bentham's var. *parviflora* excluded.
2. *C. vestita* Wall.; limited, in the sense adopted by Bentham in 1848, to the Kumaon plant of Wallich and the Griffithian plant from Assam,¶—the Nepal plant originally included in *C. vestita* being excluded and Schlechtendal's *C. mollis* not being referred to; the identity of *C. vestita* as a whole with typical *C. coccinea* is suggested.
3. *C. elegans* Wall.; limited to the original Wallichian plant from the Taong Doung Mts; its identity with *C. coccinea* var. *parviflora* Benth., is suggested.

* There are two minor references to the genus by Walpers, *Annales* iii, 363 (1852) where he mentions *C. coccinea*; and *Annales* v, 689 (1858) where he gives Schlechtendal's diagnosis of *C. mollis*: this last reference is cited in the *Genera Plantarum* though the original description in *Linnaea* is not.

† *Houlet, Rev. Hort.* (1873) p. 131. It should, however, be pointed out that Sir Joseph Hooker does not agree with the writer's view in this respect. He refers Houlet's plant to *C. coccinea* (and it may be that form of *C. coccinea* called by Bentham var. *major*); Griffith's plant is referred in the *F. B. I.*—as Bentham referred it—to *C. vestita*; *C. mollis* is not quoted in Sir Joseph's article.

‡ *Genera Plantarum*, ii, 1208.

§ *Flor. Brit. Ind.*, iv., 674. This form—apparently more common than true *C. elegans*—extends from Tenasserim to Yunnan. In the Calcutta Herbarium it is in evidence that at one time Kurz thought this distinct from the *C. elegans* of Wallich's description—of which he had no specimen—and proposed naming it *C. martabanica*. Later, he decided that it must be the *C. elegans*, of Wallich's figure, which it resembles, as to tomentum, rather more closely than the true plant does.

|| *For. Flor. Brit. Burma*, ii, 278.

¶ In Mr. C. B. Clarke's Herbarium this Assam plant is distinguished from the Kumaon *C. vestita* proper, as *C. vestita* var. *rugosa* C. B. Clarke MSS.

4. *C. tenuiflora* Hook. f. ; the new species referred to above.

Two more recent references to the genus have now to be noticed.

Mr. Hemsley in his *Index Sinensis** mentions one species ; this he identifies, though rather doubtfully, with *C. coccinea*. The plant comes from Hupeh, South China, and the same form has more recently been collected in the Kya Valley, Upper Burma, by Genl. Gatacre. It is not *C. coccinea*, but is much more nearly allied to *C. elegans* ; though a very distinct form, it is probably quite sufficiently differentiated if treated as a variety of the last named species.

Sir Henry Collett and Mr. Hemsley in a paper *On a Collection of plants from Upper Burma and the Shan States*† mention two species :—

1. *C. elegans* Wall. ; the true Wallichian plant, never met with since it was collected by Wallich till it was obtained in 1887 by Genl. Collett, who speaks of it as certainly the most beautiful *Labiata* of the Shan Hills. Like *C. coccinea* VAR. *mollis* (*C. mollis* Schlecht.) this is always an erect shrub ; ‡ as regards colour of flowers there are two distinct forms, one with pale salmon-coloured, the other with dark red corollas.
2. *C. vestita* Benth., not of Wallich ; not the true Wallichian plant, but Schlechtendal's *C. mollis*, Mr. Clarke's *C. vestita* VAR. *rugosa*.

The generic descriptions given by Wallich, Bentham, Schlechtendal and Hooker are so accurate and full that nothing can be added to them, and little is necessary beyond providing brief diagnoses of the various forms met with in the genus. Of these last there are altogether seven, and though in this paper they are treated as only of varietal rank, it may well be that other writers will find it necessary to consider them distinct species ; indeed, as species at present go in the natural order LABIATÆ, it cannot be denied that forms so very distinct as the real *C. vestita* of Kamaon and as Hooker's *C. tenuiflora* are well entitled to the higher ranks. But what has to be pointed out very distinctly is that on those who may feel compelled to give this higher rank to these species of Wallich and of Hooker, it will be incumbent to recognise also

* *Journ. Linn. Soc.*, xxvi, 299 (1890.)

† *Journ. Linn. Soc.*, xxviii, 1-150 (1890),

‡ Genl. Collett remarks (*Journ. Linn. Soc.* xxviii, 8) on the discrepancy between this fact and the definition by Kurz (*For. Flor. Brit. Burma*, ii, 278) of *C. elegans* as 'a scandent or half-scandent shrub.' Kurz's definition however does not in the least refer to Wallich's original plant but to that other form collected by himself in Pegu, named by Sir Joseph Hooker *C. tenuiflora*, which is always a scandent plant.

Schlechtendal's *C. mollis*, and to give specific rank to that very distinct new form collected in Northern Burma by Gatacre and in South China by Henry.

It is remarkable that the character from tomentum which has been mainly relied upon—and with rather unsatisfactory results—in diagnosing the various species, should still prove the most effective and reliable. It has, however, to be noted that hitherto only the degree of tomentum and not its nature has been referred to, the difference between the simple hairs of the *C. elegans* series and the stellate hairs of the *C. coccinea* series of forms having been overlooked.*

COLQUHOUNIA WALL.

NAT. ORD. LABIATAE.

Tribe. STACHYDEAE.

Tall, robust, rambling herbs with rounded branches. *Leaves* ovate, margins dentate or crenate, petioled, acute or acuminate, base cuneate, rarely truncate or cordate, tomentose, as are the branches, with stellate or simple hairs. *Whorls* axillary, or in dense or lax-flowered spikes or racemes, of pink, orange, or scarlet, concolorous or spotted flowers. *Calyx* distinctly 10-nerved, equally 5-toothed, throat naked. *Corolla* tube incurved not annulate, throat inflated; galea entire or more rarely notched, shorter than the almost equally 3-lobed lower-lip. *Stamens* 4, ascending under the upper lip, the lower pair longer; anthers conniving in pairs, the cells divaricate, confluent. *Disc* equal; *style* shortly 2-fid with subequal lobes. *Nutlets* oblong, compressed, with the tip produced as a submembranous wing.

1. COLQUHOUNIA COCCINEA Wall., *ampl.*

Tomentum of stellate hairs on stems and leaves; hairs on the corolla many-celled, glandular at the tip; wings of nutlets sub-laciniate, not longer than body of nut; calyx teeth triangular.

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VAR. *a. typica*; leaves dentate-crenate, tomentum white, usually sparse, ultimately almost disappearing; flowers large, pink or red. *C. coccinea* Wall., Trans. Linn. Soc., xiii, 608 (1822); Tent. Flor. Nap., i, 13, *fig. excl.* (1824); Cat. n. 2085/1 (1829); Benth., Bot. Reg., xv., *sub* 1292 (1829); Lab. Gen. & Sp. 644 (1834): DC. Prodr., xii, 457 (1848); Walp., Ann., iii, 268 (1852): Hook. f., Flor.

* The co-ordinate difference in the nature of the glandular hairs on the corolla, which is as striking, was pointed out to the writer by his friend Mr. Brühl, who kindly went over the forms after they had been sorted out.

Brit. Ind., iv, 674 (1885). *C. coccinea* var. *β. major* Benth. in Wall. Cat. n. 2085/β (1829). *C. vestita* Wall., Tent. Flor. Nap., i, 14, (1829), and Pl. As. Rar., iii, 43 (1832), in part and excluding the Kamaon locality and the figure.

NEPAL; on Gossain Than, Wallich! Scully! and Sheopore, Wallich! SIKKIM: Jongri, King's collector! and Lachen, Hooker! G. Gammie! KHASIA: Mairung, Hooker and Thomson! Mann!

A shrub 8–10 feet high, erect when standing alone but of sprawling habit and semi-scandent when growing with other species. In the form originally issued as var. *β. major* Benth., the tomentum is white as in *C. vestita*, and unusually dense, while the flowers are generally of a rather paler pink than in the specimens originally intended as typical, where the leaves are often ultimately quite glabrous from an initial rusty pubescence, and the flowers are dark red. Both forms have, however, similarly shaped dentate-crenate leaves, and in both the wings of the nutlets are nearly as long as the body of the nut. These are the forms to which, in spite of his figure, it would be necessary to restrict Wallich's name *C. coccinea*, if *C. vestita* and the others are distinct species.

var. *β. vestita* Prain; leaves (sometimes cordate at the base) crenate, crenations large, tomentum dense, floccose, white, separating in patches but not disappearing completely; flowers large pink. *C. vestita* Wall., Tent. Flor. Nap., i, 14 (1824) in part, the Kamaon plant only; Pl. As. Rar., iii, 43, t. 267 (1832) as to fig.; Wall., Cat. n. 2086 (1829): Benth., Bot. Reg., xv, sub 1292 (1829); Lab. Gen. & Sp. 644 (1834); DC. Prodr., xii, 457 (1848) excl. the Assam plant: Hook. f., Flor., Brit. Ind., iv, 674 (1885) the Kamaon plant only.

KAMAON; Srinagar, Blinkworth! Naini Tal, Anderson! Mussoorie, King! Kali valley, Duthie n. 3308! CHUMBI; at Tak-Chang, King's collector!

Like the preceding this is according to circumstances erect or semi-scandent. The flowers are pale red as in *C. coccinea* *β. major*, where also the tomentum is white. The leaves, however, (which in *C. vestita* are crenate, none of the crenations being sharp pointed) enable us to distinguish easily the two forms. The gathering from Chumbi has the thinner tomentum of *C. coccinea* *β. major*, but the leaf-margins are crenate not serrate; it thus serves to connect *C. coccinea* with *C. vestita*.

var. *γ. parviflora* Benth.; leaves and flowers smaller than in the type, tomentum rusty, flowers orange or golden yellow, with orange red lobes. *C. coccinea* Wall., Tent. Flor. Nap., i, t. 6 (1824) the fig. only; Hook., Bot. Mag. t. 4514 (1850). *C. coccinea* var. *parviflora* Benth. in Wall., Cat. n. 2085/γ

(1829); Lab. Gen. & Sp. 644 (1834); DC. Prodr., xii, 457 (1848).

NÉPAL; on Sheopore, *Wallich*!

Scandent; this variety is represented only by specimens collected by Wallich; the leaves have larger teeth and somewhat resemble those of *C. elegans*, which is however always a shrub. It is quite as entitled to specific rank as is *C. vestita*; if treated as a species it ought to be known as *C. parviflora*.

VAR. *δ. mollis* Prain; leaves crenate, crenations very small, tomentum dense, rusty, permanent; flowers large, orange or red. *C. mollis* Schlecht., Linnaea, viii, 681 (1851); Walp., Ann., v, 689 (1858). *C. tomentosa* Houlet, Rev. Hort., (1873), 131. *C. vestita* Benth., DC. Prodr., xii, 457 (1848) *not of Wall., the Assam plant only*: Hook. f., Flor. Brit. Ind., iv, 674 (1885) *excluding the Kamaon plant*; *not of Wall.*: Collett & Hemsley, Journ. Linn. Soc. xxviii, 116 (1890); *not of Wall., C. vestita* VAR. *rugosa* C. B. Clarke MSS.

SIKKIM; Balasun, *King's collector*! BOOTAN; *Griffith*! MISHMI; *Griffith* n. 4028 (*Kew Dist.*)! KHASIA; Mairung, *Simons*! Oldham! *Clarke* n. 16138! Shillong, *Mann*! *Collett*! Dingling, *Clarke* n. 5900! Cherra, *Hooker and Thomson*! *Clarke* n. 5322! MANIPUR; *Kassome, Watt* n. 5123! BURMA; Shan hills at Pwehla, *Collett*!

An extremely distinct form, always a shrub, and easily recognised by its stout virgate habit and by its nutlets with very short wings. This might be still considered specifically distinct even if *C. vestita* were merged in *C. coccinea*, and if looked upon as a good species it ought to bear the name *C. mollis* Schlecht. The leaves differ from those of *C. coccinea* in being always crenate, and from those of *C. vestita* in the small size of the crenations, and in the rusty, not white, tomentum.

2. COLQUHOUNIA ELEGANS Wall., *emend.*

Tomentum of simple hairs on stems and serrate leaves; hairs on the corolla few-celled, glandular at the base; wings of nutlets entire, acute, longer than body of nut; calyx teeth acuminate.

INDO-CHINA; S. CHINA.

VAR. *α. typica*; whole plant densely, softly tomentose; flowers in very dense many-flowered axillary heads; corolla dark-red or salmon-coloured, with or without crimson spots, tube long, throat wide. *C. elegans* Wall., Cat. n. 2084 (1829); Benth., Bot. Reg., xv, sub 1292 (1829); Wall., Pl. As. Rar., iii, 43, t. 268 (1832); Benth., Lab. Gen. & Sp. 645 (1835); DC. Prodr., xii, 457 (1848); Hook. f., Flor. Brit. Ind., iv, 674 (1885); Collett & Hemsley, Journ. Linn. Soc. xxviii, 116 (1890).

MANIPUR; Sirohifurar, Watt n. 7443! BURMA; Taong Doung Mts., Wallich: Shan Hills at Tonngye, Collett! at Mone, Manders! Fulton! at Lwekaw, Manders! Ruby Mines district, frequent, King's collectors!

A shrub, 8 to 10 feet high, and apparently never scandent; the flowers are sometimes red (Collett, King's Collectors) sometimes salmon-coloured with crimson spots (Wallich) sometimes uniformly salmon-coloured (Collett, Fulton, Manders).

VAR. β *pauciflora* Prain; almost glabrous throughout, flowers in loose few-flowered axillary heads; corolla red, tube very short, throat wide. *O. coccinea* Hemsl., Journ. Linn. Soc., xvi, 299 (1890) not of Wall.

S. CHINA; Ichang, A. Henry n. 3334! BURMA; Kya Valley, Gatacs!

A very distinct, always scandent form, with a much more slender habit than the preceding; the nutlets are however not distinguishable, and the tomentum is of precisely the same character, though so much slighter in degree. If this is treated as a distinct species, which will be necessary if specific rank continues to be claimed for *O. tenuiflora*, it might be known as *O. pauciflora*.

VAR. γ . *tenuiflora* Prain; sparsely hairy throughout, flowers in loose many-flowered long axillary racemes; corolla red, tube very long, throat narrowed. *O. tenuiflora* Hook f., Flor. Brit. Ind., iv, 674 (1885). *O. elegans* Kurz, For. Flor. Brit. Burma, ii, 278 (1877) not of Wallich. *O. martabanica* Kurz Mss. in Herb. Calcutta.

S. CHINA; Yunnan, Anderson! BURMA; Poneshee Anderson! Pegu, Kurz! Karenni, Mason! TENASSERIM; Moulmein, Parish!

Also a very distinct form; in habit exactly like the last, but with much longer flowers than even in the type, and with an absolutely, as well as relatively, narrower corolla-throat. Distinct, however, though the form is it is not convenient to give it specific rank, as this would necessitate the recognition of *O. parviflora*, *O. mollis*, and *O. pauciflora* as distinct species also.



P. Prout. del.

A. C. Mukerjee lith

PEDICULARIS DIFFUSA Frum.



A D Molia del.

A C Mukerjee lith.

PEDICULARIS FLACQUA Prain

pair are hirsute ; the anthers though muticous as in *P. verticillata* are contiguous and not discrete. The fruit is unknown.

As both these species belong to one natural group it may be useful to provide a key, modified, so as to admit of their reception, from the key already published by the writer (*Ann. Roy. Bot. Garden, Calcutta*, iii, 94), in which the relative position of these and of the previously known species is shown.

VERTICILLATAE.

Galea less than half the length of the lip :—

Bracts flabellate, spike long, dense ; calyx small, subglobose, not cleft, teeth small, entire ; anterior filaments hairy ... *P. spicata*.

Bracts oblong or linear, spike short ; calyx large ovate, teeth large :—

Calyx not cleft, teeth crested except the upper ; filaments not hairy ... *P. lineata*

Calyx cleft, teeth all entire ; anterior filaments hairy ... *P. luhangensis*.

Galea about equal in length to the lip :—

Calyx-tube not net-veined between the ribs :—

Calyx cleft, hardly toothed ; anthers discrete, anterior filaments hairy ... *P. verticillata*.

Calyx not cleft, distinctly toothed ; anthers contiguous, filaments not hairy ... *P. flaccida*.

Calyx-tube net-veined between the ribs :—

Calyx hardly cleft, teeth crested except the upper ; anterior filaments hairy... *P. diffusa*.

Calyx distinctly cleft, teeth entire :—

Margin of galea even ; anterior filaments hairy ... *P. refracta*.

Margin of galea toothed ; filaments not hairy ... *P. szetschuanica*.

Explanation of the Plates.

PLATE I. *Pedicularis diffusa* Prain.

1, Flower with bract ; 2, calyx with ovary and style ; 3, half of corolla showing staminal insertion ; 4, stamens ; 5, capsule ; 6 seed : 1, 2, 3 and 5 magnified $\frac{1}{2}$; 4 and 6 magnified $\frac{1}{4}$.

PLATE II. *Pedicularis flaccida* Prain.

1, Flower with bract ; 2, calyx with ovary and style ; 3, half of corolla showing staminal insertion : all magnified $\frac{1}{4}$.

Some Observations of the Electrical action of Light upon Silver and its Haloid Compounds :—By Colonel J. WATERHOUSE, I. S. C., Assistant Surveyor General of India.

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In my paper on "Electro-chemical Reversals with Thio-carbamides," read at the meeting of the Society in April 1891, it was shown that the peculiar reversals of the photographic image produced by the addition of very minute quantities of a thio-carbamide, or sulpho-urea, to an eikonogen developer appeared to be connected with and accompanied by electro-chemical action, if not actually brought about by it. It was remarked also that the experiments brought forward pointed to the conclusion that, at any rate as regards the haloid salts of silver, the formation and development of the photographic image is to a very great extent influenced by electrical action, more so perhaps, than has generally been recognised, although the fact of photographic action being accompanied by electrical phenomena has been known since the earliest days of photography. It was suggested that a further investigation into the theory of photography based on electro-chemical laws, might be of value in throwing light upon much that is now obscure and uncertain as regards the formation and development of the invisible photographic image formed by the exposure to light of silver haloid compounds.

Since that time I have given a good deal of attention to the subject and tried several experiments in various ways with the object of ascertaining the electrical action of light, in connection with photography, on plates of pure silver immersed in various fluids as well as on dry plates and other forms of silver haloid compounds in ordinary photographic use. Also on the action of electrical currents in forming developable compounds of silver haloids similar to those formed by light, and, further, on the electrolysis of ordinary photographic developers and on the currents produced during the development of the photographic image. These observations are not yet sufficiently complete to found any sound deductions upon, but I hope to complete them later. In the meantime, I have thought that a short note on some observations I have lately made on the electrical action of light upon plain silver plates in various solutions, might be of interest and form a suitable introduction to any further notes on this subject I may be able to bring before you. It does not pretend to be complete or exhaustive, and can only be considered as a contribution towards a systematic investigation of the question.

light was admitted. It was also inversely proportional to the square of the distance of the source of light from the apparatus. An oil lamp was used. The instrument appeared to show an exact proportionality between the intensity of the light and that of the current, and its great sensitiveness and precision would enable it to be used as a very delicate photometer. In these experiments he found that the electromotive force exerted by the November sun upon iodised silver plates through an opening 30 mm. wide was $\frac{1}{16}$ of a Daniell cell; with a petroleum lamp, at 8 inches distance, it was only 0.004 Daniell.

Dr. J. Moser afterwards, in 1887, in working on Egoroff's plan found that the photo-electric current might be greatly increased by treating the chlorised, iodised or bromised silver plates with solutions of erythrosin, benzo-purpurin and other dyes, and in sunlight he observed currents of a strength equal to half a volt (Eder's *Jahrbuch der Photographie*, &c., 1888, p. 297.)

At the meeting of the British Association, in 1880, Professor G. M. Minchin gave an account of his experiments on the generation of electric currents by the action of light on silver plates which were coated with emulsions of bromide, chloride, iodide and other salts of silver in gelatine and collodion, as well as with eosine, fluoresceine and various aniline dyes, the object of these experiments being the solution of the problem of producing a photographic image of an object at a distance. A detailed account of these and other interesting experiments on light-cells was read before the Physical Society, and published in the *Philosophical Magazine*, for March 1891.

He found that when two pieces of clean silver foil attached to glass plates were coated with an emulsion of chloride of silver in collodion and immersed in distilled water containing a few grains of common salt, the plates being connected with the terminals of a Thomson's galvanometer and one of them screened from the light, that on exposing the unscreened plate there was an electric current produced, and the exposed plate was *negative* to the unexposed. The same effect was observed with plates coated with emulsions of silver bromide in water containing a little potassium bromide. When the plates were coated with iodide of silver in collodion by the wet silver-bath method, the liquid being water containing a little potassium iodide, there was a reversal of the nature of the exposed plate, it being *positive* to the unexposed. With coloured glasses in front of the exposed plates it was found that the red rays produced comparatively feeble currents, while those produced in the blue and violet rays were very great, but the directions of the current were the same for all rays. This agrees with Becquerel's observations. With plates coated with

an emulsion of silver sulphide in potassic sulphate, the exposed plate was *positive*, the direction of the currents being the same for all rays, the strength of the current being least for the rays passing through the green glass.

With plates coated with an emulsion of silver nitrate in gelatine in a weak solution of barium nitrate, the exposed plate was *positive*. The effect of the red rays was very small, and of the blue rays very great.

One of the most important points in Professor Minchin's observations is his discovery of the formation of an invisible developable deposit on silver plates coated with an emulsion of silver bromide, by the action of the electrical current from a single bichromate cell passing through the plates when immersed in water containing a little potassium bromide. He found (1) that the plate connected with the carbon pole, the cathode, was without the employment of any developer visibly blackened in its immersed part, (2) that no visible change took place on the other plate attached to the zinc, but when the plate was developed with an ordinary pyrogallie acid developer its immersed portion was also blackened. These effects were entirely due to the passage of the current and were strictly confined to those portions of the sensitive plate through which the current passed.

The special bearing of these observations upon the formation and composition of the invisible or visible developable photographic image formed by the action of light, does not appear to have been generally recognised. I began last year a series of observations on this subject which quite confirmed Professor Minchin's: unfortunately they were interrupted before completion, but I hope to resume them in due course, after the completion of the present series, and bring them before the Society on a future occasion.

Professor Minchin also found that by coating silver plates with eosine and gelatine, comparatively strong currents were obtained and the plates were very sensitive to variations in the light. The current generated by daylight in one of these eosine cells was sufficiently strong to produce the photographic action on a silver bromide plate without any preliminary exposure of the bromide plate to gaslight. He also describes a curious case of inversion of the current occurring in the eosine and other cells, which I have also noticed, the initial current being such as to make the exposed plate *positive* to the other. This current, however, was of very short duration and was succeeded by a steady and much stronger normal current in the opposite direction, the exposed plate being *negative* to the unexposed. On suddenly shutting off the light from the plate the instantaneous effect was to

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On the Flora of Narcondam and Barren Island.—By D. PRAIN.

Plates III and IV.

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§ INTRODUCTORY SKETCH.

The Indian Ocean is broken on the north by the Indian Peninsula into two roughly triangular seas. The eastern, rather the smaller, forms an area known vaguely as the Bay, Gulf, or Sea of Bengal—the first of these names being that most usually employed—bounded on the west by Ceylon and India, on the east by the Malay Isthmus (Tenasserim) and Indo-China, and on the north by the Gangetic Delta. The ocean-surface thus defined is, however, further differentiated into three distinct hydrographical areas.

These areas are (a) the BAY OF BENGAL, a bight limited to the west by the Kistna Delta, to the east by Cape Negrais and situated to the north of an arbitrary line—the parallel of Lat. 16° N.—beyond which it passes into (b) the SEA OF BENGAL, stretching from Coromandel and Ceylon, on the west, to the Andamans and Nicobars on the east. The Sea of Bengal opens southwards into the Indian Ocean proper, from which it is hydrographically rather definitely limited by the somewhat rapid upward shelving of its floor from the bottom of that ocean to a uniform depth of 2200 fathoms along a line roughly coincident with the parallel of Lat. 6° N. Thereafter its floor is a plain and practically

a level one, for it slopes so gradually northwards that, as it passes into the Bay proper, its depth is still 1400 fathoms. No such clear delimitation exists between Sea and Bay; the plain that forms their common floor still slopes gradually upwards towards the north till, in the neighbourhood of Lat. 20° N., the edge of the shelf of the Gangetic Delta is reached.

The southern edge of the floor of the Sea of Bengal may, in spite of its depth of over 2000 fathoms, be taken as, in a sense, the margin also of the continent of Asia, for there is more than the rapid increase of slope towards the bottom of the Indian Ocean to characterise it. To the west it coincides with that remarkably abrupt terrestrial elevation which results in the island of Ceylon, off the south-west coast of which island, less than 40 miles from the Basses, the ocean depth of 2300 fathoms is reached. To the east a precisely similar terrestrial elevation, though of smaller size and much less height, is met with. Just as Ceylon lies, a pear-shaped eminence, to the east of Lon. 80° E., so to the east of Lon. 90° E. lies the pear-shaped eminence known as Carpenter's Ridge,* a terrestrial mass that rises from a depth of 2300 fathoms in Lat. 5° N., till in Lat. 6° N. and Lon. $90^{\circ} 30'$ E., it reaches a point which carries only 1380 fathoms. The 'thick end' of the pear in both cases faces the south, and just as the 'stalk,' in the case of Ceylon, tails north-westward into the Indian Peninsula, the 'stalk,' in the case of Carpenter's Ridge, tails north-eastward into Middle Andaman. There are these differences between the two; the connecting ridge between Ceylon and India carries nowhere more than 8 fathoms, that between Carpenter's Ridge and the Andamans carries 1600 fathoms, while the highest point of Carpenter's Ridge is as much beneath as the highest point in Ceylon is above sea-level.

The third area (c) is the land-locked sea †, bounded on the west by the Andamans and Nicobars, on the north by the Irrawady Delta, on the east by Tenasserim and Kedah, and prolonged south-eastward into the Straits of Malacca, between Sumatra and the Malay Peninsula. This sea is not, as a rule, distinguished by any general name, though

* Alcock: *Annals and Magazine of Natural History*, ser. vi., iv., 377.

† Carpenter: *Records of the Geological Survey of India*, xx, 48, had proved, as conclusively as it is possible in the absence of actual soundings to prove, that this body of water must be separated from the Sea of Bengal by a ridge nowhere deeper than 760 fathoms, the shallowest sounding known between Acheen and the Nicobars, since the temperature at 1200 fathoms east of the ridge is that appropriate to 740 fathoms to the west of it. Since then the indication of 736 fathoms as the depth on the line from the Nicobars to the Andamans is a striking confirmation of the justice of Carpenter's reasoning.

that portion of it close to the Irrawaddy Delta is spoken of as the Gulf or Bay of Martaban; it has, however, sometimes been spoken of as the Gulf of Pegu, and more recently has received the much more appropriate name of the ANDAMAN SEA.*

* Alcock: *Annals and Magazine of Natural History*, ser. vi., iv., 378. The degree of confusion in nomenclature that prevails is sufficiently exemplified in the various Atlases of recent date. Keith-Johnstone's "Royal Atlas"—an excellent example of an English Atlas—shows, on the same sheet (India, southern sheet) in the general map, the Bay of Bengal and the Sea of Bengal limited as they are in the text, though the Bay is called the "Gulf" of Bengal: in the small map of the South-Eastern provinces placed on the same sheet this "Gulf" is called, as is more usual, the Bay. No name is given to the Andaman Sea, though the Gulf of Martaban is distinguished. In Stieler's *Hand-Atlas*—an excellent example of a German Atlas—we find (Sheet 67, by Berghaus) the phrase "Moerbusen von Pegu" used as the precise equivalent of Alcock's later-published but preferable name of "Andaman Sea;" the Gulf of Martaban of the English maps is designated, much more correctly than in English maps, "Bai von Martaban." So much confusion of names and their incidence, renders it necessary to insist on some definite system of nomenclature, with a rigid definition of the areas to which the names apply.

It would seem therefore that German geographers are prepared to admit the distinctness of the Andaman Sea as a geographical area, while to modern English geographers the necessity for considering the question has apparently not occurred. If, however, at present they refuse to recognise this as a truly land-locked area deserving of a specific designation, the following passage from a letter dated Calcutta, the 4th March 1795, from Major A. Kyd to Sir John Shore, then Governor-General, will show that even a hundred years ago those who knew the area best realised its true nature. Kyd says:—"The Andaman Islands, "comprehending what "are called the Great and Little Andamans, extending from N. Lat. 18°31' "southward, and lying nearly in a N. and S. direction between 92° and 93° E. of "Greenwich, are part of a continued range of islands extending from Cape Negrais "to Acheen Head, including the Preparis, Cocos, Car Nicobar, and the Great and "Little Nicobars, the whole being a chain of islands between which there is reason "to believe that there is a continuation of soundings, entirely dividing the eastern "part of the Bay of Bengal." Kyd was Superintendent of the second, or Port Cornwallis settlement in the Andamans, instituted in 1792, when the settlement, under Blair at Old Harbour, now Port Blair, begun in 1789, was abandoned.

As an example of the usage which terms the whole sea-area between India and Indo-China the "Bay of Bengal," may be mentioned a paper by Hume (*Stray Feathers*, vol. ii.) wherein these two islands, along with Preparis, the Cocos, and of course the Andamans and the Nicobars, are termed the Islands in the Bay of Bengal, as opposed to Ceylon, on the one hand, and the Mergui Archipelago, on the other. This is also the usage of the Admiralty Maps of the region, and though it is certainly indefensible on hydrographical grounds, since the area to the east of the Andaman-Nicobar chain fulfils in every particular—far more so than the Sea of Bengal itself—the conditions laid down in the definition of a "Sea," it is preferable to the slipshod system that distinguishes the Bay of Bengal from the Sea of Bengal, without distinguishing between the Sea of Bengal and the Andaman Sea.

It is in this last-named area that the islands of Narcondam and Barren Island, which form the subject of the present paper, are situated. These islands the writer was, through the kindness of Col. Cadell, v. c., late Chief Commissioner of the Andamans, enabled to visit in March and April 1891, in order to investigate their Flora. Narcondam was examined for ten days in the end of March; after an interval occupied in visiting Little Andaman and the Nicobars,* Barren Island was examined from April 5th to April 8th.

The volcanic island of Narcondam is situated in the Andaman Sea in Lat. $13^{\circ} 26' N.$ and Lon. $95^{\circ} 15' E.$, 80 miles to the east of Port Cornwallis in North Andaman, 74 miles north-north-east of Barren Island, 150 miles to the south of the nearest point on the coast of Pegu, and 250 miles due west of Mergui. The island rises abruptly out of deep water, more especially on its eastern, western and southern sides, to a height of 2330 feet above sea level, and of 8000 feet from the floor of the Andaman sea between it and North Andaman to the west, and between it and Tavoy on the east.†

The soundings on which the conclusion is based are given in the following table:—

TABLE I.‡—*Soundings in the vicinity of Narcondam.*

GENERAL DIRECTION OF LINE OF SOUNDINGS.	DISTANCE IN MILES FROM CENTRAL PEAK.	DEPTH OF SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS.
E. S. E.	1½	90
E. S. E.	2	75
E. S. E.	2½	138
E. S. E.	3½	284
E. S. E.	3½	333
E. S. E.	4½	486
E. S. E.	100	1050
..... S. S. E. ....	..... 1½ .....	..... 242
..... S. S. W. ....	..... 1½ .....	..... 182
S. S. W.	2½	465
S. S. W.	3½	652
S. S. W.	24½	1010

* Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal for 1891 (December), p. 156.

† Stieler: Hand Atlas, sheet 67 shows depths, which are quite wrong, of 2097 and 2200 fathoms to the E. and S. E. of Narcondam; how these errors have arisen the writer cannot trace. Sheet 58 of the same Atlas gives the true depth.

‡ This Table, with the corresponding one for Barren Island, is mainly derived from Mallet and Carpenter, Records of the Geological Survey of India, xx, 46, et seq., with additional soundings from a copy of the Sounding-Book of H. M. I. M. Survey Steamer "*Investigator*," kindly lent by Dr. Alcock.

TABLE I.—*Soundings in the vicinity of Narcondam.—(Continued.)*

GENERAL DIRECTION OF LINE OF SOUNDINGS.	DISTANCE IN MILES FROM CENTRAL PEAK.	DEPTH OF SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS.
S. W.	50	1140
W. N. W.	1½	162
W. N. W.	2½	407
W. N. W.	3	509
W. N. W.	3½	585
W. by S.	40	922
N. N. E.	2	74
N. N. E.	2½	104
N. N. E.	3½	150
N. N. E.	4½	411
N. N. E.	9½	302
N. N. E.	16	290
N. N. E.	52	70
N. N. E.	70	50

The island is a fairly-regular oval with the longer diameter in a line running north-north-east to south-south-west; this diameter is two and a half miles long, the other one and a half. The regularity of outline is somewhat broken at the north-east corner by an oblong peninsula about three furlongs long and half a mile across; this spit, which is occupied by a steep-sided twin-peaked hill, quite dwarfed by the central mass, is in no sense detached from the rest of the island but passes through two or three intervening heights into the main peak. This peak, situated slightly to the south and west of the centre of the island, is crowned by three small points of which the most northern is the highest. The two others, situated a quarter of a mile to the south and to the south-east, respectively, are at the seaward ends of two ridges that diverge from the highest peak, and are separated by the beginning of a deep gorge. The northern point, as already mentioned, reaches 2330 feet; the point to the south is 2150 ft., that to the south-east 2200 feet high. The gorge that separates the two latter, after passing southward between them for about a quarter of a mile, turns south-west round the shoulder of the lower one, and thus partially separates the south end of the island, as a narrow ridge 1200 to 1500 feet high, from the rest of the hill. It is, however, only the western end of this ridge that is free, the eastern end is connected, by means of a narrow but lofty ridge, with the south-eastern part of the central peak. Numerous other gorges, none of them however so striking as that just described, furrow the hill on every side.

The chief interest of this configuration resides in the misapprehensions as to the structure of the island to which it has given rise. McClelland mistook either the ravines or the ridges between them for streams of lava* ; Kurz has described and figured the island as a central volcanic cone, surrounded by an outer ring, not much over half the elevation of the central mass, and very largely broken down.† Seen from Kurz's point of view (N. W., $\frac{1}{2}$ N., at a distance of 20 miles) an oblique view of the mouth of the yawning south-western gorge is obtained, while the main mass hides the connection of its southern wall with the central peak. At the same time the peaks already mentioned as connecting the main hill with the somewhat outlying north-eastern spit, serve to conceal their own connections and complete the illusion. At this distance too the three hummocks at the top of the peak look very much like as many points on the edge of a crater. In a nearer view from the same direction the appearance of a central cone is still well-preserved, though the regularity of what seems at a distance the remains of an outer ring quite disappears.‡ Even close in-shore it is impossible to say whether the three points on the peak are, or are not, indicative of the remains of a crater, the forest that clothes them disguising their true relationship. The appearance from another point of view (W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S., at a distance of 40 miles) agrees well with the description by Horsburgh of "a cone or pyramid with its summit broken off."§

* McClelland : Jour. As. Soc., Beng., vii, 77. It would depend a good deal on the distance from which the island was seen, whether the ravines or the ridges between them be what were taken for 'lava-currents.' Seen from a distance of 6 miles or more, through a glass, the darker shadows caused by the gorges might well enough, as Ball (Records, Geol. Survey of India, vi, 89), and Mallet (Memoirs, Geol. Survey of India, xx, 281) suppose, be what led McClelland astray ; as however the drawing on which McClelland based his opinion was taken from about a mile and a half, or two miles from the eastern shore—the drawing was made by Griffith—there is no doubt that what he took for streams of lava were the ridges between the ravines : on this side of the island these are, towards the top, bare and rugged, and are not unlike streams of lava. After all, however, McClelland had nothing to support his idea that the island was volcanic but its conical shape and its isolation.

† Kurz : Report on the Vegetation of the Andaman Islands, p. 4. Kurz appears to have had nothing more to go upon in supposing the island to be volcanic than had McClelland ; the accident of configuration led him to go further than McClelland, and assume, not only that the island is volcanic, but that it is an island of the same type as Barren Island, in which there is an inner and an outer cone. And with the accounts and the appearance of Barren Island in his recollection—Kurz disposes cursorily of Barren Island in the sentence immediately preceding the one referred to—the idea is by no means unnatural.

‡ Ball : Records of the Geol. Survey of India, vi, 89.

§ Horsburgh : Indian Directory (ed. v), ii, 56.

Throughout the southern half of the island the coast line has been eaten by the sea into bare cliffs that vary in height from 50 to 800 feet. From the appearance these present to any one circumnavigating the island it would seem that these, even at the mouths of the gorges, and even if landing in spite of the heavy swell that usually surges round the island were feasible, must be altogether inaccessible. Much of the northern half of the island is similarly sea-worn, but the northern cliffs are not in many cases very high. The north-west corner of the island is a sharply triangular ness, with a high cliff for its northern, and a sloping hill-side, ending in lower cliffs, for its western seaface. This western slope overlooks a bight half a mile wide, but of only a furlong's recession. This bight, open to the north-west, is divided into two almost equal bays by a small detached islet, between which and the main island stretches a rocky reef. To the south of this islet and reef is a somewhat indifferent anchorage, and landing from a boat is possible on its small shingle beach, behind which a few coco-nut trees grow. This beach is close to the reef and at the mouth of a rather narrow gorge which leads fairly directly to the main peak.

The cliffs that form the east side of this ness overlook a much finer bight bounded on the east by the oblong spit already described, more than half a mile across, and with a recession almost equalling its width. The head of this bight further recedes into a small inviting-looking bay which, however, begins to shoal* about a hundred yards from the shore, and the strong swell that surges round either cape is broken as it crosses the bay into a heavy surf which renders landing neither pleasant nor safe.† This bay, which may be termed Coco Bay, is bounded by a level stretch of turtle-frequented sand, behind which is the only good example of *Pandanus* sea-fence on the island; behind the sea-fence is a fringe of coco-nut trees; beyond the coco-nut zone, and at the mouth of one of the largest gorges in the island, is a small stretch of level land, due, no doubt, like the shallowness of the bay, to the deposition of detritus from the main hill. In this flat patch, immediately behind the coco-nuts and to the west side of the stream-bed, is a grove of plantains.

* Ball: Records of the Geol. Survey of India, vi, 89.

† Hume: Stray Feathers, ii, 109. The landing mentioned by Ball and described by Hume is the only one on record at this bay. Probably, however, it is not the only one that has been effected. Though the *Coco-nuts* that line its margin may have been introduced by the sea, this cannot be said of a grove of *Plantains* that occurs. Landing did not seem possible at the time of the writer's visit, nor was it necessary; the bay, which was visited several times, was reached by cutting a path through the jungle from Anchorage Bay. It is of course possible, though hardly likely, that the individuals who introduced the *Plantains* also cut such a path.

To the south-east of the oblong spit, and therefore on the east side of the island, is a third, much wider bight, three-quarters of a mile from cape to cape, but only receding a furlong and a half. The northern half of this bay, bounded by the hilly spit, is overlooked by steep hill-sides ending in cliffs that, though not lofty, are particularly abrupt. The southern half, limited by the main island-mass, has a beach of rounded boulders; behind this is a straggling sea-fence in which stands a solitary coco-nut tree; a narrow belt of true beach-forest lies beyond. It was with little expectation of being able to land that we put into this bay; we were therefore agreeably surprised to find that—at least at the time of our visit, the end of March—not only could a landing be made without difficulty, but that the bay afforded a more comfortable anchorage than Anchorage Bay itself. The boulder beach slopes rather gradually outwards, and is of a considerable width; probably therefore the surf here is very strong during the north-east monsoon. That the sea-fence is here irregular and thin is no doubt due partly to the surf, and partly to the fact that it has an insecure root-hold among the rounded stones that are piled behind the beach into an embankment which protects the forest beyond. This beach-forest occupies a strip of level land that stretches backwards from 50 to 100 yards to the base of the main hill. Three gorges debouch on this level area and have filled up the interstices of the old beach with the soil on which the trees grow. At the mouth of one of these ravines there is a gap in the beach-forest occupied by a small depression that in March is covered with only a coating of fine sun-cracked mud, but in the rains evidently forms a small lagoon; this appears to be the only spot in the island where water ever lodges.

Though entirely volcanic in structure there is no indication at the summit or elsewhere that the island has recently been active. There is no crater at the top*, and his examination led the writer to think, not that all traces of craterine shape have been obliterated by long erosion, but that there never has been any crater on the peak. The local features, coupled with the nature of the rocks that constitute the island,†

* Mallet: *Memoirs of the Geol. Survey of India*, xxi, 281.

† Ball: *Records of the Geol. Survey of India*, vi, 90, only mentions a bed of volcanic agglomerate, (of which several crop out round the coast), at Coco Bay, wherein are embedded trachytic boulders. Mallet—*Memoirs of the Geol. Survey of India* xxi, 281–283—describes the Narcondam lavas as “compact, or very slightly vesicular” “lavas in which crystals of white translucent felspar, and black or dark-brown hornblende, are disseminated through a ground-mass which is (generally light) grey in unaltered specimens, but pale red in those that have undergone weathering” “and in which the iron has been peroxidised.” Farther on, Mallet remarks:—“The lavas of Narcondam are essentially hornblende andesites, and are of a decidedly more acid character than those of Barren Island.” This character, of acidity

appear to indicate that originally Narcondam may have been a volcano, produced, like the volcano that appeared on the Island of Camiguin in July 1871,* by the extrusion of viscid lava without the accompaniment of crater-forming materials. In any case, the depth of the ravines that plough the flanks of the hill on every side indicates very clearly how remote has been the period of the island's activity.†

The top of the island is frequently bathed in cloud;‡ during the ten days spent in the island in 1891, this cloud-cap seemed to envelope, for the greater part of the day, the last 400 feet of the peak. The appearance, however, was slightly deceptive; for it was noticed that the cloud was only condensed on the western aspect of the hill, and that towards evening the peak always became clear. The nature of the vegetation on the peak,—the trees bearded with moss, and their bark covered with *Trichomanes*—indicates clearly that this is a usual state of affairs.

Save on the sea-cliffs, which are bare, and on the eastern side of the peak near the top, where the jungle is thin and scrubby, the whole island is clothed with dense forest: this consists mainly of lofty trees, with but few climbers, in the beds of the various watercourses. On the intervening ridges the vegetation consists of a tangled mass of shrubby growth overloaded with creepers. Landing at Anchorage Bay one finds on the shingle some plants of *Ipomœa biloba*; immediately behind the shingle, and under the shade of about a dozen coco-nut trees, is an attempt at a sea-fence, composed of *Scevola Koenigii*, *Iibiscus tiliaceus*, *Morinda bracteata*, *Guettarda speciosa*, *Pandanus odoratissimus*; some *Ipomœa grandiflora*, *Convolvulus parviflorus*, and *Wedelia scandens* climb over these. Behind these bushes some trees of *Barringtonia speciosa*, *Terminalia Catappa*, *Erythrina indica*, *Sterculia rubiginosa*, *Thespesia populnea*, *Dracœna angustifolia*, *Ardisia humilis*, and *Izora brunnesens* represent the beach-forest. There is, however, but scanty room for species of either class, and a few plants of *Eranthemum succifolium* underneath the trees complete the representation of this sort of vegetation in this situation. To the south of this point are some low cliffs, covered at the top with a tangled mass of *Hoya orbiculata*, while at their base plants of *Pluchea indica*, *Blumea glomerata*, *Vernonia divergens*, *Desmodium polycarpon*, *Cyperus pennatus*, and *Thysanotena acarifera* occur; the last-named,—it is, by the way, the only grass that is found on the island—is the most plentiful and seems to be, besides *Fimbristylis ferruginea* and *Boerhaavia*

strongly supports the conclusion (to which Mallet also inclines) that there never was a crater in Narcondam, and that the island is of the endogenous volcanic type.

* Moseley: "Notes by a Naturalist on the 'Challenger,'" p. 409.

† Mallet: *Memoirs of the Geol. Survey of India*, xxi, 284.

‡ Ball: *Records of the Geol. Survey of India*, vi 89.

repens, about the only species that occurs on the rocky sea-cliffs. On the small islet in Anchorage Bay and on the rocks to the north of the reef that connects it with the main island, is a scrubby jungle of *Hibiscus tiliaceus*, *Acacia concinna*, *Dalbergia monosperma*, *Premna integrifolia*, *Glochidion calocarpum*, *Breynia rhamnoides*, *Blachia andamanica*, and *Gelonium bifarium*,—the last-named especially plentiful.

In the denser interior jungle on the hill between Anchorage Bay and the gorge that debouches at Coco Bay, one is struck by the familiar Andaman feature of groves of gregarious Euphorbiaceous treelets forming an under-growth in a forest of lofty trees. Of this forest, *Ficus nitida* and *Ficus Rumphii* are perhaps the chief constituents; the two commonest gregarious species are *Actephila excelsa*—undoubtedly the species on the island represented by the greatest number of individuals, and *Mallotus andamanicus*—also, in many places, very plentiful. The herbaceous species found underneath these treelets are mainly two ferns: *Acrostichum appendiculatum*, which is not very plentiful, and *Asplenium urophyllum*, which is. Among other species, found chiefly on a comparatively level tract on the top of the ridge, where the gregarious feature noted during the ascent from the east coast gives place to a mixed forest, the undergrowth includes *Alsodeia bengalensis*, *Cansjera Rheedei*, *Glycosmis pentaphylla*, *Capparis sepiaria*, *Pisonia aculeata*, *Vitis lanceolaria*, *Leea sambucina*, *Memecylon edule*, *Abrus precatorius*, *Mucuna gigantea*, *Bridelia tomentosa*, *Ficus hispida*; *Acrostichum appendiculatum* is here common, while *Asplenium urophyllum* is rare. The trees are also more mixed, and include, besides the two species of *Ficus* already mentioned, a *Bombax*, *Erioglossum edule*, *Diospyros Kurzii*, *Oroxylum indicum*, *Artocarpus Lacoocha*, *Antiaris toxicaria*, *Ficus comosa*, and *Amoora decandra*. Besides the two ferns mentioned, a not infrequent herbaceous species is a fine *Amorphophallus*. Along the ravine that passes northward to debouch at Coco Bay occur the same species; near its mouth, where the ground is flat, the jungle becomes 'scrub'—*Morinda*, *Premna*, and such like shrubs, loaded with tangled masses of *Ipomœa vitifolia*. This type of jungle takes the place of the absent beach-forest; the sea-fence is however well-developed, and is of the usual Malayan type,—*Pandanus*, *Guettarda*, *Morinda*, *Hibiscus tiliaceus*, *Cæsalpinia Bonducella*, *Colubrina asiatica*, *Allophylus Cobbe*, *Vigna lutea*, *Canavalia turgida*, and such like plants. Round this bay the coco-nut zone is well developed; behind it is the plantain grove already referred to.

East Bay, visited subsequently, may be here most conveniently described. On the beach occur both *Ipomœa denticulata* and *Ipomœa biloba*; along with these occur *Vigna lutea* and *Phaseolus adenanthus*; the sea-fence is represented by a few examples of *Pandanus odoratissimus*,

Hibiscus tiliaceus, *Capparis tenera*, *Colubrina asiatica* and *Olerodendron inerme*. The true beach-forest, here well developed, contains much *Pisonia excelsa*, with a number of trees of the far less common *Pisonia alba*; the other trees of the zone are *Terminalia Catappa*, *Calophyllum inophyllum*, *Thespesia populnea*, *Gyrocarpus Jacquinii*, *Izora brunnescens*, *Ficus brevicuspis*, *Ficus callosa*, *Odina Wodier*, and *Garuga pinnata*; the two last-named, though commonest in, are not confined to this zone. The single coco-nut tree mentioned as occurring here has probably grown from a nut drifted round from the other bay; at Coco Bay, however, it is more probable, considering their association with plantains that the trees have been introduced intentionally.* The edges and bed of the dry lagoon already described were covered with *Ipomœa Turpethum*.

Along the edge of the cliff overlooking the west side of Coco Bay some species, not seen elsewhere, were met with: *Entada scandens*, *Acacia concinna*, a *Grewia* (in leaf only, perhaps *G. lewigata*), a *Tylophora* (in fruit only, perhaps *T. globifera*), *Pæderia fetida*, and *Dioscorea sativa*. The steep hill-side overlooking the northern part of Anchorage Bay is covered with a scrub-jungle of *Premna*, *Breynia*, and such like shrubs, with a good deal of *Capparis sepiaria*. All over this hill were seen withered leaves of the *Amorphophallus*.† The hill-side overlooking the southern portion of Anchorage Bay is covered with the same dense

* These coco-nuts are too old and too numerous to have been introduced of recent years; it seems strange, therefore, that they have never before been mentioned. The recorded visits to Narcondam are:—(1). That of Messrs. Hume and Ball in 1873, when a landing was effected, and no more; (2). that of Messrs. Mallet and Hobday in 1884, when four days were spent in investigating its geology and topography, and an ascent, probably the first, was made of the peak; (3). the present visit, when the peak was again ascended. The account of their landing-place shows that it was at Coco Bay that Ball and Hume landed; at no other bay is there shoal water. Ball mentions some of the plants noticed by him at this place, but neither he nor Hume have recorded the existence of coco-nuts and plantains. Mallet is equally silent, his paper being rigidly confined to the topography and geology of the island. Though these are the only recorded visits, there have been others paid to the island. Hume (*Stray Feathers* ii, 110) mentions a visit by Col. Tytler. Again, Kurz (*Report on the Vegetation of the Andamans*, p. 13.) mentions a deputation that visited Barren Island in 1860, in search of pasture-grasses; from specimens in the Calcutta Herbarium, however, we learn that this deputation a few days later visited Narcondam and the Coco Group. In connection with the systematic list, occasion will be taken to refer to the acts of the deputation in question: it is sufficient to say here that to its members is probably due the merit of having introduced, at least the plantains, and perhaps also the coco-nuts. This would make it certain that both species were present at the time of Hume's visit.

† Corms and seeds of this plant were brought to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Calcutta, where it has sent up leaves and has flowered.

forest, mainly *Ficus*, but has for its undergrowth quantities of *Ocrotia mitis*, with dense patches of *Polia Aclisia* underneath.

The ridges between the gorges are tolerably uniform in the nature of their vegetation; *Premna integrifolia* extends a good way up, *Morinda bracteata* is found throughout the island and is as common at the top as it is on the coast; *Trema amboinensis*, *Capparis sepiaria*, and *Acacia concinna*, are common species; not infrequent is *Callicarpa arborea*, though far less common here than on Barren Island. In the gorges patches of *Macaranga Tanarius*, *Trema amboinensis*, *Pipturus velutinus*, *Boehmeria malabarica*, as gregarious species, are common, and form, especially in the lower part of the hill, the prevalent undergrowth. The trees are those already enumerated, but as additional species, may be mentioned the following, all obtained in the gorge leading from Anchorage Bay to the summit of the peak:—*Amoora Rohituka*, *Apodytes andamanica*, *Semecarpus heterophylla*, *Myristica glauca*, *Ficus glaberrima*—the last mentioned a small tree, at about 2000 feet elevation. The climbers not previously noted were *Anamirta Cocculus*, frequent; *Antitaxis calocarpa*, very common; *Aristolochia Tagala*; *Gouania leptostachya*; *Trichosanthes palmata*; *Anodendron paniculatum*; *Dischidia nummularia*; *Pothos scandens*, and *Strychnos acuminata*, at about 1200 feet elevation. The herbaceous species not before observed were *Blumea myriocephala*, only once at about 1600 feet elevation; *Asplenium nidus*, seen on trees throughout the ascent; *Nephrodium terminans*, not common below 1000 feet, very frequent above that height; *Davallia speluncæ*, here and there throughout the ascent, *Polypodium irioides*, at about 1800 feet elevation; *Polypodium adnascens*, on trees throughout the island, not common; *Bryum coronatum*.

As the summit is neared, and one passes within the area usually moistened by the cloud-cap, the trees are covered with moss (*Neckera rugulosa*), and bear on their bark quantities of *Trichomanes pyxidiferum*. In other respects the jungle on the top does not differ from that lower down, except that, owing to the ridges being of necessity greater in proportion to the gorges than lower down the hill, there is relatively more of scrub jungle than one finds below.

Few *Fungi* were obtained during the visit: doubtless the season of the year was unfavourable. No *Algæ* were found either on the rocks or washed up on the beaches. The ocean-drifts consisted almost entirely of fruits or seeds of species that occur on the island; the only exception noted was a fruit of *Heritiera littoralis* found at East Bay.

Barren Island is situated in the Andaman Sea, in Lat. 12° 15' N. and Lon. 93° 50' E., 60 miles to the east of Middle Andaman, 74 miles south-south-west of Narcondam, 80 miles north-north-east of Flat Rock

(a submarine peak that reaches the surface, but no more, in Lat. $11^{\circ} 12'$ N. and Lon. $93^{\circ} 36'$ E.), and 320 miles due west of Mergui. As shown in the subjoined table, the island, like Narcondam, rises abruptly out of deep water, especially on its eastern, western and northern sides, to a height of 8000 feet or more* above the floor of the Andaman Sea.

TABLE II.—*Soundings in the vicinity of Barren Island.*

GENERAL DIRECTION OF LINE OF SOUNDINGS.	DISTANCE IN MILES FROM CENTRAL CONE.	DEPTH OF SOUNDING IN FATHOMS.
E. S. E.	1½ (¼ mile from shore).	118
E. S. E.	2½	433
E. S. E.	3½	641
E. S. E.	100	1260
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N. N. E.	1½ (½ mile from shore).	217
N. N. E.	2½	545
N. N. E.	3½	782
.....
N.	1½	325
N.	25½	1,140
.....
W. N. W.	1½ (½ mile from shore).	180
W. N. W.	2½	456
W. N. W.	4½	655
W. N. W.	45	1159
.....
W.	1½	169
W.	30	1130
.....
S. S. W.	1½ (¾ mile from shore).	47
S. S. W.	3½	238
S. S. W.	4½	413

Physiographical accounts of this island have been given by Ball† and Mallet‡ in whose papers a précis of previous information is also contained; a brief description is therefore all that is here necessary.

Nearly circular in outline and about two miles in diameter, the island consists of a huge crater, of which the mouth is a mile wide and the rim is from three-quarters of a mile thick at the base—throughout its southern half, where it is from 920 to 1160 feet high—to barely half-a-mile thick—along the north where its height is from 630 to 790 feet. The rim is further breached to below sea-level on the west side by a part of the original hill having been at one time blown away, the resulting gap being about a-quarter of a mile wide. In the middle of

* Mallet and Carpenter: Records of the Geol. Survey of India, xx, 46, (footnote).

† Ball: Records of the Geol. Survey of India, vi, 81.

‡ Mallet: Memoirs of the Geol. Survey of India, 251, et. seq.

the amphitheatre that results, and therefore about a-quarter of a mile to the north of the centre of the island, a newer perfect volcanic cone rises to a height of 1015 feet. At the top there is an ovoid crater, somewhat straighter along its northern than its southern edge, and somewhat higher on these edges than at either extremity. The edges mentioned are nearly 80 feet above the bottom of the cup which is itself sub-divided into two parts. The western, somewhat irregular, is full of loose lava fragments, and has its floor nearly 40 feet higher than the other, which is an almost perfect circle, about 20 yards wide, with a floor of smooth soft sand. At the west end the rim of the crater is about 40 feet lower than along the north and south edges, and is thus very little above the floor of the minor western depression. In the middle of this dip the rim carries a huge lava block, about 20 feet long, 10 ft. wide, and nearly 20 feet high.* This block forms a striking object on the cone as seen from the landing-place. At the eastern end of the crater the rim dips even more, and is about 60 feet below the level of the northern and southern edges, or just over 20 feet above the floor; the edge is here narrower than elsewhere. In and about the crater are several solfataras with crevices whence steam escapes.

The cone itself consists of volcanic ashes, fairly firm on the south, east and north sides, but loose and friable on the western face. The slope is very uniform, being about 30° on every side. The valley between the cones contains, at the base of the inner, two lava streams that have flowed to the sea through the breach in the outer; of these streams the northern overlies the southern. There has also been a third flow to the east, this does not, however, come in contact with either of the others. The sea, it may be remarked, does not enter the breach in the outer cone, the breach, as well as the valley between the cones, being filled to above sea-level by the products of the newer volcano.

The seaward slope of the outer cone is much steeper in the northern than in the southern part of the island, and is furrowed by many nearly meridional ravines, difficult of access where they enter the sea, but more easily traversed further up. The slope of this half of the ancient crater towards the newer volcano is, on the other hand, even and rounded, consisting for the main part of bare, loose black ash, derived from the inner cone. The inner slope of the southern half of the original volcano is, on the other hand, except at its base, steeply precipitous; the seaward slope of this half, besides being much more gradual than that

* The measurements (Mallet: *Memoirs of the Geol. Survey of India*, xxi, 267) are:—Length, 22 feet; breadth, 11 feet, height, 13 to 19 feet. The greatest height is at the west end, where it is also narrowest; its most striking aspect is to the spectator on the beach at the landing-place, to whom it looks like a huge tooth.

of the northern half, shows a second subconcentric ridge separated from the true rim by a gorge that debouches on the east side of the island. Gorge and ridge owe their origin, however,—like the ridge and ravine of the same nature, but of more imposing proportions, that occur at the south end of Narcondam—to subaërial denudation, not to volcanic action.

The excentric position of the newer cone, with the lesser relative height, and the steeper seaward slope of the northern half of the original crater, seems to point to subsidence of that half. Perhaps the explosive eruption which effected the breach to the west may have had some connection, direct or indirect, with this subsidence. The volcano represented by the outer cone was doubtless at one time much higher than it is now.

At the landing-place in the breach there is a hot spring on the beach; the temperature of this spring is steadily falling, and at the time of the writer's visit was 106° F.* The spring doubtless only represents percolation of rain water through the heated newer materials—the inner cone and lava streams—contained within the circuit of the ancient crater.†

The anchorage in the bay at the breach is of the most uncomfortable description; the safest anchorage is opposite a small bay with a sandy beach, a *Pandanus* sea-fence and a line of Coco-nut trees, on the south-west side of the island. Landing by boat is, however, usually quite easy on the beach at the hot spring to the north of the point where the lava stream falls into the sea; the surf that rolls into Anchorage Bay must make it impossible, as a rule, to land there.

At Landing Bay the boulders and stones on the beach, bathed by the water of the hot-spring, are covered by a species of *Calothrix* which occurs in considerable quantities. Another, *Alga*, also a *Calothrix*, was obtained from bare rocks in one of the gorges; no marine *Algae* were seen. On the beach itself, behind a small bed of drift, are some examples of *Ipomœa biloba*; the drift contained, in addition to fruits and seeds of species noticed in the island, fruits of *Barringtonia speciosa* and of *Heritiera littoralis*.‡ Close to the beach and to the lava flow is an example of *Pongamia glabra*; a little further inland to the north of the lava is a considerable grove of *Flueggia microcarpa*, with quantities of *Mitreola oldenlandioides*, in the sandy soil beneath. Beyond this grove is

* Prain: Proceedings As. Soc., Bengal, 1891, p. 84.

† Mallet: Memoirs of the Geol. Survey of India, xxi, 274.

‡ *Barringtonia speciosa* occurs in Narcondam, and it may possibly also occur at some of the bays on the south-west and south of Barren Island, where the surf made landing impracticable. But *Heritiera littoralis*, the fruits of which were collected in Narcondam also, does not seem to occur in either island.

Measurements of 56 Tamils

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Serial numbers.	Name.	Caste.	Sub-caste, or endogenous.	Section, or sept exogamous.	District of birth.	Age.	Measurement round chest.	Measurement with extended arms.	Height.	Height sitting.	Height kneeling.	Height lower end of gladius.	Weight in pounds.	Cephalic length.	Cephalic breadth.	Cephalic index.
1	Sovanam ...	Parayan	...	...	Tinnevely S. India.	30	830	1620	1577	830	1185	1242	105	179	139	77.6
2	Mutenchati	Wellale	...	...	do.	90	780	1740	1700	802	1207	1200	114	186	148	78.4
3	Podiseen ...	Parayan	...	...	Trichinopoly S. India.	30	780	1590	1540	802	1140	1150	...	180	141	77.3
4	Paranti ...	do.	...	...	Dekoya Ceylon.	25	860	1754	1020	840	1210	1220	...	191	140	75.2
5	Palanu ...	do.	...	...	Tondaman S. India.	35	810	1740	1050	810	1228	1240	...	190	144	75.7
6	Pachia ...	do.	...	...	Karavola Co. S. India.	40	845	1778	1024	826	1178	1184	118	188	146	77.6
7	Punusami ...	do.	...	...	Wardarkebil S. India.	27	835	1702	1594	824	1180	1196	111	187	146	78.0
8	Punusami ...	Agamboty	...	...	Madura S. India.	30	805	1070	1620	800	1200	1228	111	181	143	70.0
9	Handi ..	do.	...	...	do.	35	840	1834	1706	840	1220	1292	119	181	144	79.5
10	Chulan ...	Parayan	...	...	Pathneota S. India.	32	820	1705	1648	822	1204	1231	109	184	148	80.4
11	Armogom ...	Boldias...	...	...	Trichinopoly S. India.	40	810	1620	1624	842	1158	1194	107	187	139	74.2
12	Marugar ...	Parayan	...	...	Arkadu S. India.	28	830	1650	1560	770	1140	1191	103	101	139	72.7
13	Kulan ..	Saktilan	...	...	Alanedu S. India.	34	875	1831	1688	830	1223	1232	124	191	147	76.9
14	Kolanda ...	Edlan ...	...	...	Maradachilla S. India.	30	795	1624	1614	820	1200	1194	102	180	148	82.2
15	Kandrewal ...	Parayan	...	...	Trichinopoly S. India.	26	845	1774	1631	774	1186	1222	106	191	141	73.9
16	Peran ...	Perlan ..	...	...	Putekudu S. India.	30	830	1778	1000	802	1212	1274	111	156	149	80.1
17	Luchman ...	do.	...	...	Tinnevely S. India.	30	850	1720	1600	812	1174	1194	112	184	137	74.4
18	Fanini ...	Kalen ...	...	...	Onecote S. India.	25	810	1606	1546	770	1172	1164	95	181	145	80.1
19	Kallenti ..	Tamilta	...	...	Madras S. India.	40	830	1700	1020	834	1194	1210	110	184	144	78.2
20	Mutal ...	Sadia ...	...	...	Katpali S. India.	38	845	1782	1618	816	1186	1214	109	178	136	76.4
21	Kopendi ...	Palal ...	...	...	Chaiango S. India.	30	835	1680	1532	756	1116	1146	98	176	138	78.4
22	Chowal ...	Pellé ...	...	...	Alangecote S. India.	30	815	1664	1589	774	1152	1196	94	173	147	84.9
23	Pararhé ...	Kalla ...	...	...	Konnappi S. India.	25	835	1680	1600	810	1194	1210	106	189	142	75.1
24	Kina Swami	Pellé ...	...	...	Tanjore S. India.	40	860	1672	1002	802	1186	1240	...	181	143	79.0
25	Sessa Swami	Naran ...	...	...	Trichinopoly S. India.	25	880	1848	1704	846	1266	1290	...	190	150	73.1
26	Jaka ...	do. ..	...	...	Tinnevely S. India.	35	860	1714	1870	798	1168	1172	...	190	134	70.5
27	Aptom ...	do. ...	...	...	do.	40	845	1708	1689	872	1234	1238	...	192	164	85.4
28	Mute Swami	Pellé ..	...	...	Chowanda S. India.	35	845	1738	1630	858	1218	1238	112	189	150	79.3
29	Maniko ..	Konar	Palerchari S. India.	35	810	1063	1004	806	1168	1200	103	181	148	78.0

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Bi maxillary or bi-gonae breadth	Maximum bi-zygomatic breadth	Maxillary-zygomatic index	Nasal height	Nasal width	Nasal index.	Bimalar breadth	Naso-malar breadth	Naso malar index	Height from vertex to m tersuperciliary point.	Height from vertex to fragus	Height from vertex to chin	Facial angle	Length of fore-arm	Length of left foot	Length of middle finger of left hand.	Maximum breadth of hips	Maximum breadth of shoulders.
100	136	73.5	47	38	80.8	113	124	112.3	91	133	215	65	436	245	105	282	389
100	131	76.3	44	37	84.0	109	121	113.7	101	130	230	67	467	251	108	283	400
95	127	74.8	45	36	80.0	93	106	113.9	89	132	208	65	436	254	113	378	423
101	127	79.6	49	40	83.3	107	128	117.7	96	130	218	65	460	247	120	280	403
107	138	77.5	46	38	82.0	102	116	113.7	90	135	214	66	437	257	105	268	376
110	136	80.6	48	38	79.1	98	112	114.2	95	133	216	67	477	247	114	287	388
98	137	71.5	47	35	74.4	101	114	112.8	90	135	225	60	440	271	103	257	397
101	126	80.1	44	44	100.0	94	102	106.3	100	136	228	58	447	234	112	257	385
101	135	74.8	48	40	83.3	106	114	107.5	100	131	230	68	483	263	119	271	425
101	131	77.0	46	40	86.9	97	116	119.5	94	131	220	66	457	243	117	276	397
96	127	75.5	45	37	82.2	92	106	115.2	92	129	221	67	464	260	112	283	378
100	120	77.5	47	42	89.3	102	114	111.7	92	136	226	62	445	212	107	254	364
111	133	83.4	44	38	80.3	104	118	113.4	100	140	222	69	432	253	115	267	412
101	125	80.9	48	41	85.4	94	106	112.7	95	140	216	62	414	247	113	271	378
101	132	76.5	43	38	88.3	107	120	112.1	87	120	211	70	491	253	116	268	377
102	131	77.8	44	39	88.6	101	114	112.8	96	123	216	66	471	245	116	262	387
95	128	74.2	42	36	90.4	97	108	111.3	99	139	219	70	467	238	107	271	413
99	127	77.9	44	38	86.3	92	102	110.8	90	135	225	63	431	222	97	224	377
104	138	76.3	45	37	82.2	99	110	111.1	99	137	225	65	473	266	109	263	383
92	128	71.8	46	40	68.9	95	108	113.6	82	130	215	62	477	218	112	252	370
94	121	77.6	45	36	80.0	95	102	107.3	87	129	218	68	453	222	110	255	390
96	128	76.0	44	36	81.8	97	108	111.3	90	137	209	68	465	250	110	250	374
101	130	77.3	45	41	91.1	95	108	111.5	85	135	212	70	468	242	111	245	378
105	131	80.1	48	41	85.4	97	114	117.5	82	130	213	69	455	244	108	290	393
100	127	76.7	39	37	94.8	94	104	100.4	92	128	213	68	465	256	118	269	411
106	131	80.9	45	40	88.8	94	108	114.6	95	122	218	69	448	248	117	246	409
97	139	69.7	55	45	81.1	101	112	110.8	93	146	227	72	473	256	113	278	396
106	134	85.4	43	42	97.6	95	104	109.4	97	129	212	69	470	225	114	268	380
99	133	74.4	44	41	93.1	93	104	111.8	95	134	205	69	487	248	111	225	377

Measurements of 56 Tamils

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Serial number.	Name.	Caste.	Sub-caste, or sub-tribe endogamous.	Section, or sept exogamous.	District of birth.	Age.	Measurement round chest.	Measurement with extended arms.	Height.	Height sitting.	Height kneeling.	Height lower end of gladius.	Weight in pounds.	Cephalic length.	Cephalic breadth.	Cephalic index.
30	Beronuter ...	Parachadi	...	...	Peremboor S. India.	30	820	1688	1596	808	1170	1176	103	183	138	75.4
31	Kamde Swami	Hagam-badi.	...	...	Parancotti S. India.	38	862	1684	1628	836	1188	1188	118	188	152	80.6
32	Ramaswami	Agampota	...	...	Madura S. India	30	940	1666	1610	850	1176	1208	119	196	150	76.5
33	Tanti ...	do.	...	...	Madacheure S. India.	30	865	1800	1736	838	1270	1292	131	186	150	80.6
34	Mutoko ...	Bellalé	...	...	Puducota S. India.	30	870	1670	1572	802	1162	1152	121	188	147	78.1
35	Alegre ...	Salkilal	...	...	Morde S. India.	40	720	1520	1502	744	1100	1136	99	179	139	77.6
36	Arlande ...	Parayan	...	...	Puducota S. India.	30	825	1732	1662	814	1226	1244	107	188	132	79.7
37	Rumandi ...	Kallam	...	...	Tanakkamkelam S. India.	25	845	1674	1662	820	1212	1267	107	186	135	78.5
38	Mutsen ...	Naika ...	...	...	Pallini S. India.	25	780	1094	1626	812	1192	1220	106	176	147	83.5
39	Cholle ...	Parayan	...	...	Tondapoti S. India.	40	740	1486	1500	750	1100	1152	100	179	185	75.4
40	Ochmali ...	Balu ...	...	...	Palancota S. India.	30	795	1668	1630	824	1194	1192	...	184	137	74.4
41	Ispodinada ...	Sanan ...	...	...	Bagbandi S. India.	30	820	1676	1644	760	1142	1142	...	190	132	64.9
42	Kapan ...	Pallan ...	...	...	Purtur S. India.	40	765	1639	1540	798	1150	1142	...	180	138	76.6
43	Towari ...	Parayan	...	...	Palancota S. India.	35	820	1600	1612	798	1194	1198	...	191	143	74.8
44	Marian ...	do.	...	...	Trinevally S. India.	26	780	1700	1670	838	1238	1224	...	180	150	83.3
45	Ram Swami	Maraspole	...	...	Wadakongeo-long S. India.	26	785	1608	1628	822	1182	1210	...	186	145	77.5
46	Sanlal ...	Nara ...	...	...	Nagunari S. India.	28	790	1670	1604	834	1200	1206	...	176	140	79.5
47	Narmalinga	Bellalé ...	...	...	Colombo Ceylon.	26	770	1694	1676	818	1226	1254	...	180	145	78.3
48	Sonagallum	Parayan	...	...	Trinevally S. India.	30	830	1670	1612	824	1178	1198	...	182	145	79.6
49	Ored ...	do.	...	...	do.	30	855	1708	1718	870	1248	1262	...	186	142	76.3
50	Sangileli ...	Sakli ...	...	...	Ravanagar Ceylon.	40	850	1874	1703	850	1236	1260	...	190	146	76.8
51	Ram Swami	Parayan	...	...	Palancota S. India.	30	800	1700	1664	852	1252	1254	...	191	146	76.4
52	Sopan ...	Edayan.	...	...	Trinevally S. India.	28	750	1551	1520	760	1112	1136	...	105	137	88.0
53	Kumar Swami	Bellalé	...	...	do.	28	800	1730	1640	830	1212	1210	...	185	153	82.7
54	Enapares ...	Nara ...	...	...	do	35	830	1640	1620	846	1190	1192	...	182	141	77.4
55	Narain ...	Bellalé ...	...	...	Tanjore S. India.	30	750	1588	1540	738	1158	1158	...	181	146	80.6
56	Ram Swami	Rata	Trinevally S. India.	45	845	1570	1800	854	1290	1135	...	180	150	83.3
					Average ...		821.2	1696.2	1666.7	816.5	1191.9	1209.3		186.6	144.3	77.7

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Bi-maxillary or bi-gonibic breadth.	Maximum bi-zygomatic breadth.	Maxillary-zygomatic index.	Nasal height.	Nasal width.	Nasal index.	Bimalar breadth.	Naso-malar breadth.	Naso-malar index.	Height from vertex to interpericardial point.	Height from vertex to tragus.	Height from vertex to chin.	Facial angle.	Length of fore-arm.	Length of left foot.	Length of middle finger of left hand.	Maximum breadth of hips.	Maximum breadth of shoulders.
81	127	71.6	45	36	80.0	94	106	112.7	89	130	212	64	463	250	110	267	394
105	136	77.2	45	44	97.7	99	110	111.1	91	136	220	67	462	255	113	267	390
110	134	82.0	46	40	86.9	100	108	108.0	90	134	220	66	456	252	114	272	374
116	141	82.2	47	42	89.3	101	112	110.8	103	142	235	67	505	263	127	278	401
108	135	80.5	49	38	77.5	103	112	108.7	96	125	229	66	462	244	111	274	378
96	123	78.0	43	39	90.6	92	108	117.3	90	124	206	67	426	223	100	226	338
111	131	84.7	47	36	76.5	91	100	109.8	100	138	221	68	462	240	116	267	383
96	125	76.0	45	38	84.4	98	108	110.2	102	129	222	61	442	241	103	242	406
105	127	82.6	42	35	83.3	99	108	109.0	97	134	210	65	460	247	112	250	362
95	121	77.8	41	38	92.6	97	106	109.2	86	124	198	65	412	242	105	252	342
101	131	77.0	43	43	100	94	104	110.6	85	125	225	65	471	246	114	261	379
106	129	82.1	47	30	76.5	96	106	110.3	80	136	211	73	457	239	109	258	382
87	121	71.9	41	42	102.4	97	106	109.2	90	123	208	64	443	236	112	256	363
107	135	79.3	48	41	85.4	95	106	111.5	94	120	218	68	370	267	113	240	380
96	131	73.2	48	38	79.1	98	108	110.2	88	130	218	63	462	248	108	261	387
100	131	76.6	42	37	88.0	96	106	110.4	84	127	207	67	455	245	106	250	368
94	123	76.4	45	41	91.1	90	98	108.8	80	126	209	66	454	241	117	232	381
102	132	77.2	49	37	75.5	101	108	106.9	91	120	212	66	468	250	114	243	349
98	130	75.3	45	40	88.8	96	106	110.4	92	129	215	70	465	243	112	250	404
107	130	82.3	49	37	75.5	97	104	107.2	85	135	226	66	496	262	116	270	408
111	135	82.2	53	44	85.0	105	116	110.4	90	130	233	69	505	267	112	275	408
104	131	79.3	50	34	68.0	94	110	116.9	100	147	217	57	470	250	118	255	374
88	123	71.5	44	40	90.0	85	100	117.6	94	134	210	63	428	226	101	224	346
100	132	75.7	48	38	79.1	97	106	109.2	84	140	215	68	469	223	105	238	392
99	131	75.5	50	35	70.0	98	112	134.2	87	134	223	65	451	246	111	266	386
97	125	77.6	46	38	77.5	93	100	107.5	87	121	213	63	437	229	108	240	369
109	133	81.9	51	36	70.5	99	100	111.1	100	120	231	62	518	279	115	260	407
101.0	128.3	76.7	46.9	39.5	83.8	97.6	106.8	111.4	92.0	131.4	217.5	65.9	459.9	245.9	110.4	260.6	385.2

Measurements of 22 Moormen

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Serial number.	Name.	Caste.	Sub-caste, or sub-tribe endogamous.	Section, or sept exogamous.	District of birth.	Age.	Measurement round chest.	Measurement with extended arms.	Height.	Height sitting.	Height kneeling.	Height lower end of gladius.	Weight in pounds.	Cephalic length.	Cephalic breadth.	Cephalic index.
1	Aboobaker ... Sultan.	Moor ...	...	...	Colombo ...	35	870	1750	1660	804	1232	1210	...	191	148	77.4
2	Miski ...	do.	...	...	do	27	850	1720	1640	824	1202	1214	...	177	131	74.0
3	Mooralam ...	do.	...	...	do.	30	730	1544	1649	704	1200	1132	...	181	140	82.3
4	Shaikh Mamu	do.	...	...	Tanjore S. India.	25	770	1656	1616	770	1178	1244	...	176	142	80.6
5	Takir ...	do.	...	...	Colombo ...	23	820	1712	1610	788	1102	1224	...	191	138	72.2
6	Shaikh Jum	do.	...	...	do.	25	770	1751	1600	830	1220	1244	...	181	146	80.6
7	Shaikh Katoun	do.	...	...	Tinnevely S. India.	35	850	1832	1724	806	1246	1320	...	176	145	83.3
8	Sinon ...	do.	...	...	Colombo ...	28	770	1642	1604	720	1182	1210	...	181	140	82.3
9	Mandi Nayna	do.	...	...	Kalapore S. India.	25	830	1720	1642	854	1236	1238	...	189	140	74.4
10	Muhamad ...	do.	...	...	Colombo ...	25	790	1720	1680	850	1236	1250	...	182	142	78.0
11	Nather Shaheb.	do.	...	...	Salam S. India.	40	840	1612	1584	320	1188	1182	...	184	143	77.7
12	Marasa ...	do.	...	...	Colombo ...	25	880	1730	1690	850	1232	1280	...	183	143	78.1
13	Adami ...	do.	...	...	do.	25	770	1728	1674	816	1220	1264	...	176	140	79.5
14	Hyder Hosain	do.	...	...	Malabar S. India.	35	840	1863	1580	804	1552	1170	...	193	133	68.9
15	Cuhf ...	do.	...	...	Colombo ...	20	800	1712	1694	842	1206	1222	...	177	142	80.2
16	Salema Cebe	do.	...	...	do.	25	720	1630	1574	790	1162	1182	...	178	144	80.8
17	Hosaini ...	do.	...	...	do.	30	880	1806	1684	846	1236	1284	...	193	150	77.7
18	Kasim ...	do.	...	...	do.	30	840	1654	1692	821	1178	1184	...	169	140	82.8
19	Saidahamid...	do.	...	...	Tundi S. India.	35	860	1692	1550	812	1182	1196	...	186	150	80.6
20	Fakir ...	do.	...	...	Colombo ...	25	800	1650	1581	794	1163	1192	...	173	155	89.5
21	Abdool ...	do.	...	...	do.	26	800	1800	1752	874	1278	1306	...	182	153	83.6
22	Asenlobe ...	do.	Mollalim S. India.	40	850	1622	1510	782	1134	1112	...	180	147	81.6
					Average ...		817.7	1699	1625	815.8	1200.6	1221	...	183.0	144	79.1

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Bi-maxillary or bi-goniac breadth.	Maximum bi-zygomatic breadth.	Maxillary-zygomatic index.	Nasal height.	Nasal width.	Nasal index.	Bimalar breadth.	Naso-malar breadth.	Naso-malar index.	Height from vertex to inter-superciliary point.	Height from vertex to tragus.	Height from vertex to chin.	Facial angle.	Length of fore-arm.	Length of left foot.	Length of middle finger of left hand.	Maximum breadth of hips.	Maximum breadth of shoulders.
106	137	77.3	48	43	87.5	108	116	107.4	86	127	220	68	468	261	118	267	408
102	139	73.3	48	40	83.3	99	110	111.1	87	128	228	58	465	258	115	259	404
95	130	73.0	49	41	83.6	100	110	110.0	89	119	207	67	425	238	108	237	353
105	123	86.3	50	38	93.4	95	106	110.5	97	133	227	64	443	240	107	244	368
98	125	78.4	50	42	84.0	97	114	117.5	80	189	211	67	460	247	114	248	398
110	140	78.5	47	33	70.2	111	124	111.7	94	124	217	69	463	256	113	255	394
110	130	84.6	46	36	76.2	98	108	108.1	92	123	222	66	463	239	115	270	415
103	131	78.6	53	41	78.8	98	108	110.2	85	134	208	66	447	245	110	244	385
101	133	75.9	49	38	77.5	102	120	117.6	95	137	223	67	460	250	113	250	398
95	124	76.6	48	42	87.5	102	114	111.7	100	140	232	68	465	250	115	234	363
110	136	80.8	43	41	95.3	94	100	106.3	91	139	214	63	444	235	107	262	372
107	138	77.5	43	37	77.0	105	112	106.6	97	124	219	66	463	237	115	258	400
99	123	80.4	51	36	70.5	94	104	110.6	98	135	220	70	460	267	108	240	373
97	123	78.8	45	36	80.0	91	106	116.4	94	134	221	71	440	232	102	280	384
93	123	75.6	50	31	62.0	97	114	117.5	76	123	202	69	454	243	103	257	393
102	130	78.4	50	40	80.0	99	110	111.1	79	142	217	61	430	237	100	237	359
101	135	74.8	50	40	80.0	98	108	108.1	84	118	219	71	478	261	117	280	416
96	124	79.0	47	38	76.5	92	104	113.0	95	118	210	65	443	233	100	246	384
102	133	76.6	47	40	85.1	98	114	116.3	85	137	220	68	437	236	106	243	380
93	131	70.9	42	39	92.8	94	104	110.6	84	139	219	66	453	246	109	232	363
105	137	76.6	51	39	86.6	100	108	108.0	91	135	222	62	475	249	110	259	400
107	131	81.6	50	40	80.0	96	110	114.5	80	127	203	67	437	231	105	257	380
101.7	136.7	76.3	47.7	38.5	80.7	96.5	110	111.6	88.0	130.3	217.2	64.4	458.6	247.2	109.4	250.4	396.5

volcanoes did not carry the chain beyond Barren Island, but Griffith, who in passing Narcondam recognised its volcanic nature, suggested to McClelland that here might be seen a northward extension of the same chain. McClelland not only adopted the suggestion but sought a still further extension to the north, in the mud-volcanoes of Ramri and Cheduba, off the Arracan coast;* and other writers, such as Daubeny, Scrope, Mrs. Somerville and Mallet† have adopted the same view.

Ramri and Cheduba lie to the west of a tertiary ridge that composes the Yomah of Arracan, which, in the latitude of Ramri, reaches a height of 4,000 feet. This range is continued southward into and beyond the Andaman group. Thus it passes through Diamond Island to the Alguada reef, beyond this, across a channel less than 60 fathoms deep, to Preparis, and again across another of 150 fathoms to the Coco Group, Great Andaman and Little Andaman. It would appear after this to pass to the westward of the Nicobars, though its precise relationship to that group has not yet been made clear; finally it reappears, not in Sumatra, but in a long line of islands—the Nias group—that stretches south-eastward along the western coast of Sumatra.‡ The line of volcanic activity to which Barren Island and Narcondam presumably belong, lies from Narcondam southwards to the east of this tertiary ridge; if, therefore, Ramri and Cheduba belong to the same line, we have to believe that, after continuing for the whole length of Sumatra and the Andamans parallel to this ridge, the volcanic line at its northern end, where its activity is weaker than elsewhere, crosses the tertiary formations where they have become thicker and stronger. This is in itself a proposition, the truth of which is so hard to accept, that when Blanford§ suggests that the true northern continuation of the Sunda volcanic range is to be found in the extinct Burmese volcano of Popah, and the extinct Yunnan one of Han-shuen-shan, we realise that he must be right, and are surprised that, after all, Mallet is inclined, in a modified sense, to favour the earlier view.|| The volcanoes of Ramri are of a different type from those of the Sunda Range; they belong to a series of gas vents, all of the same general character, though none of them so active as the Ramri ones. The Sitakund in Chittagong,

* McClelland, Journ. As. Soc. Beng., vii., 77.

† Mallet does this (Records of the Geol. Survey of India, xi., 203) in a different sense from the earlier writers; they, owing to a want of definiteness in the accounts on which they relied, mistook the "gas" volcanoes of the Arracan Coast for true "steam" volcanoes.

‡ Kurz: Journ. As. Soc. Beng., xlv., pt. 2, 105.

§ Manual of the Geology of India, iii., 725.

|| Mallet: Memoirs of the Geol. Survey of India, xxi., 253.

and the various hot-springs in the valley of Assam, like those in the Namba Forest,* are examples of this series, which forms a continuous line parallel on its western side to the tertiary ridge referred to, just as the true volcanoes, to the line of which Barren Island, Narcondam and Popah belong, are parallel to it on the east.†

Whether they belong to that particular group of volcanoes known as the Sunda Range, or not, there is no doubt that Narcondam and Barren Island belong to the general volcanic system extending from the Kuriles, through Japan and the Philippines, to Malaya—a system of which the Sunda Range itself forms but a portion. Like the other members of this system, these peaks are situated, not on, but just within, the margin of the continental elevation forming Eastern and South-Eastern Asia, wherever this rises abruptly from great ocean-depths; the main difference between them and most of the peaks of the system is that, whereas the space between the edge of the continental area and the line of volcanic activity is in other cases sub-aërial, that space is here for the most part sub-marine. This space forms, in the case of Sumatra, the main body of the island—the volcanic line being much nearer the eastern margin—and the rocks of which it is composed include all those that go to form the islands of the Nicobar Group; these rocks appear once more, not in the main chain of the Andamans, but in the small islands to the east of South Andaman (north-east of Port Blair), known as “The Archipelago.”‡ Neither in, nor opposite, the Nicobars is there any trace of the complementary volcanic ridge; to the east of this “Archipelago,” however, it is indicated by Flat Rock and Barren Island.

Not only is the volcanic line of Sumatra absent from the Nicobars, but no trace has yet been found in that group of the sandstones of the Arracan hills, which are prolonged into the main chain of the Andamans and which re-appear in the Nias. The result, therefore, is that the Arracan-Sumatra chain, in place of constituting a single ridge consists

* Prain : *Proceedings As. Soc. Bengal*, 1887, p. 201.

† The reasons for thinking that the northward prolongation of the Sunda Range has not crossed the Arracan-Andaman ridge are, therefore :—

1. That the volcanoes on the west side of that ridge, which are supposed to continue the Sunda line, are of a different type from the volcanoes of the Sunda Range.

2. That those western volcanoes in Ramri belong to a system of vents of the same type as themselves, characterised by a linear distribution parallel to the western base of the Arracan-Andaman tertiary ridge.

3. That the Sunda Range is continued northward by a series of vents of the same type throughout, the character of linear distribution parallel to the eastern base of the Arracan-Andaman tertiary ridge being maintained unaltered.

‡ Oldham : *Records of the Geol. Survey of India*, xviii., 141.

of two—a western tertiary ridge most marked in the north and tailing off towards the south, and an eastern volcanic ridge most marked in the south and dwindling into insignificance northwards.

The question whether the line in which Narcondam, Barren Island, and Flat Rock are situated consists of a series of isolated peaks, or if these peaks are only the sub-aërial portions of a continuous ridge, remains to be considered. Such evidence as there is appears to indicate that they are situated on a ridge: it is not, however, at all complete. It has already been remarked that the soundings on a line passing north-north-east from Narcondam are relatively shallower than those on any other line. This has been explained by Carpenter as perhaps indicating that the deltaic shelf of the Irrawady extends as far out as Narcondam.* It may be anticipated that this will not be found a sufficient explanation of the phenomenon. It will be observed that the soundings gradually deepen for a space of $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles, till the bottom carries 362 fathoms, and that beyond this point it gradually shallows till the coast of Pegu is reached. If Narcondam were situated on the edge of a delta-shelf, one would expect that the soundings would not show so great a dip within its margin, and would further expect that soundings on lines carried at right angles to the line under discussion would give some indication of a more or less level area. Yet what we do find is that before four miles to the east or three miles to the west of the island have been reached, greater depths have been obtained than the deepest sounding on the north-north-east line. This appears to indicate that Narcondam is not so much on the edge of a shelf, as at the end of a ridge that runs towards and into the Pegu coast-line. That this ridge is overlaid by the deltaic mud to within ten miles of Narcondam, and that the presence of this mud explains the gentle slope from its deepest point upwards to the Pegu coast is no doubt true; but the steady rise during the last ten miles towards Narcondam, coupled with the more abrupt dips to the east and to the west, indicate the existence of a ridge. The matter is capable of direct demonstration: a few lines of deep-sea soundings co-ordinate to the line of soundings taken towards the north-north-east, will disclose the true state of matters. It would also be equally easy, by making a line of borings along the continuation of its line, and a few co-ordinate lines across in the mud of the Irrawady delta, to demonstrate whether the supposed ridge passes subterraneously into Burma.

The same comparative shallowness is indicated by the line of soundings to the south-south-west of Barren Island, and to explain the fact Mallet† suggests the possibility of eruptions of ash distributed

* Carpenter: Records of the Geol. Survey of India, xxi., 48.

† Mallet: Records of the Geol. Survey of India, xxi., 47.

in this particular direction by the action of currents. It would seem easier, however, to explain these soundings by supposing that Barren Island formed the northern termination of a ridge on which Flat Rock, with Invisible Bank, is situated. Here, too, the matter is easily capable of demonstration: soundings on a line bearing from Barren Island to Flat Rock, with one or two transverse lines of soundings will show whether such a ridge exists.

The hypothesis that in Narcondam we see a continuation of the Sunda line of volcanic activity is not invalidated by the depth of the soundings between it and Barren Island. We know that there is a much deeper gap than this between two members of the same chain: in the well-known rift between Bali and Lombok, though the islands mentioned are only 15 miles apart, the narrow strait between is 2,100 fathoms deep.* And as a matter of fact, though the ridge is here deeper, it is by no means absent, for a sounding on the line bearing from Narcondam on Barren Island gives only 1,010 fathoms, while soundings to the west of that line, and between the supposed ridge and the Andamans, give 1,140, 1,159, and 1,130 fathoms. Though our knowledge of the bottom contour of the southern part of the Andaman Sea—the portion to the east of the Nicobars—is very defective, the little that we know bears out the hypothesis of an eastern as well as a western ridge. At a point 50 miles east of Little Nicobar a sounding of 1,284 fathoms is recorded, while 30 miles further east the bottom is only 1,000 fathoms deep. Then north of Pulo Rondo, in Lon. $95^{\circ} 10' E.$, the depth is 990 fathoms, while 20 miles further east it is only 930 fathoms. These soundings of 930 and 1,000 fathoms not improbably indicate the ridge on which Flat Rock, Barren Island, and Narcondam are situated. The 990 and 1,284 fathom soundings must indicate the trough between the ridges; for to the west of the latter lies the Nicobar Group, and to the west of the former, in Lon. $94^{\circ} 20' E.$, we find a depth of 975 fathoms, doubtless indicative of the western or Indian Ocean slope of the Nicobar-Sumatra ridge, since 25 miles further north, in Lon. $94^{\circ} 26' E.$, we have a sounding of 760 fathoms indicating the crest of that ridge. The soundings referred to are shown on the two maps that accompany this paper.

There is, perhaps, some connection between the depth of the rift separating Narcondam from Barren Island, and the fact that from Barren Island itself southwards the volcanoes either still are, or have till recently, been active, while those from Narcondam northwards have long been extinct. This has a certain bearing on another controverted point. Von Buch, as has been already stated, recognised the Sunda volcanic line

* Wallace, *Island Life*, 423 (map).

as extending to, but not beyond, Barren Island. To Blanford is due the merit of having upset the fanciful hypothesis of the further extension of the line across the Arracan Yomah, and of having suggested its probably true northern continuation. More recently it has been proposed* by Berghaus and others to sub-divide the extended Sunda line of Blanford into a Sunda Range proper, ending at the northern limit of Sumatra, and a Pegu Range, containing Barren Island, Narcondam, Popah and Han-shuen-shan. But it is obvious that if any sub-division be necessary, the one proposed by Berghaus is erroneous. A sudden deep gap in the line, with the further character of activity to the south of it, and non-activity to the north, is a much more natural cleavage than merely a number of miles of intervening sea, the nature of whose bottom is unknown or has been misunderstood. If therefore Berghaus be justified in differentiating a Pegu Range, it is clear that Barren Island must be excluded from it, and that we must return to Von Buch's view, that Barren Island is the most northerly member of the Sunda Range. The Pegu Range of very old and long extinct volcanoes begins then at Narcondam, and extends at least as far as south-western Yunnan.

The biological interest of these islands is not so great as the physiographical, because, whether the ridge here postulated exists or not, there is little doubt that these sub-aërial portions never have been connected with any of the adjacent lands. If Flat Rock has ever been sub-aërial, and in a fit condition to shelter air-breathing creatures and support vegetation, it is so no longer; how great soever may be the antiquity of the outer cone of Barren Island, it is probable from its configuration, that at one time it has been the scene of a catastrophe like that which in 1883 devastated Krakatau and totally destroyed its animal and vegetable life. The only one that, from its topography, has evidently remained for many ages in its present condition is Narcondam. Already the writer has laid before this society some notes on the Fauna of the islands†; it remains now to be seen whether the biological facts indicated by their Flora are in agreement with the deductions that should follow from their physiographical configuration.

All the plants found in the two islands are enumerated in the list that follows; running numbers are added to the locality so as to show at a glance how many species occur in each. In the discussion that succeeds the list the peculiarities of each island are dealt with before their common characteristics are considered.

* Stieler: Hand Atlas, sheet 8.

† Prain: Proceedings Asiatic Soc., Bengal, 1892, p. 109.

PLANTS COLLECTED IN NARCONDAM AND BARREN ISLAND.

I. MENISPERMACEÆ. I.

1. *ANAMIRTA COCCULUS* W. & A. Narcondam (1).
India, Indo-China, Malaya.
2. *CYCLEA PELTATA* H. F. & T. Barren Island (1).
Andamans, Nicobars, Burma,
3. *ANTITAXIS CALOCARPA* Kurz. Narcondam (2), common.
Andamans and Nicobars.

II. CAPPARIDEÆ. II.

4. *CAPPARIS SEPIARIA* Linn., *var. GRANDIFOLIA* Kurz. Narcondam (3);
Barren Island (2); common.
Andamans, Burma, Malaya; the variety does not occur in India.
5. *CAPPARIS TENERA* Dalz., *var. LATIFOLIA* H. f. & T. Narcondam (4).
Andamans, Tenasserim; the variety does not occur in India.

III. VIOLARIÆ. — .

6. *ALSODEIA BENGALENSIS* Wall. Narcondam (5).
Assam, Burma, Andamans, Nicobars.

IV. GUTTIFERÆ. — .

7. *CALOPHYLLUM INOPHYLLUM* Linn. Narcondam (6); beach-forest.
Mascarene Isds.; S. E. Asia; Australia; Polynesia.

V. MALVACEÆ. III.

8. *HIBISCUS TILIACEUS* Linn. Narcondam (7); Barren Island (3).
Cosmopolitan on tropical sea-shores.
9. *THESPESIA POPULNEA* Corr. Narcondam (8).
On tropical coasts throughout the Eastern Hemisphere.
10. *BOMBAX INSIGNE* Wall., *var. POLYSTEMON* Prain; *var. nov. caudice armata*, foliolis 7-9, sessilibus anguste lanceolatis, subtus glaucescentibus, staminibus plurimis (circa 700); capsula 3·5-4 poll. longa: floribus rubris. Narcondam (9); common.

India, Indo-China, Andamans, Malaya; this variety endemic.

There has been some confusion as regards the Asiatic species of *Bombax*; the writer, therefore, takes this opportunity of giving diagnoses of all of them. His excuse for doing so in this place, is that it was the difficulty of localising this tree that led to the study of the genus.

BOMBACES ASIATICÆ.

Arbores (ordinis MALVACEARUM) grandes, saltem juniores caudice armatæ foliis digitatis; calyce coriaceo; stylo simplici; fructu capsulari, segmentis 5; seminibus lana endocarpii involutis.

Fructus segmentis crassissime coriaceis, seminibus sarcinis

lanæ propriis distincte involutis; cortice diu viridi: tubo staminali 1-seriali, segmentis 5, 1-3-antheris, petalis alternis; floribus minoribus sordide luteo-albis... *Bombax pentandrum* (*Eriodendron anfractuosum*).

[In India peninsulari et in insulis Andamanensibus, indigena et sylvestris; in India boreali, in Indo-China et præsertim in Malaya late culta et forsan inquilina.]

Fructus segmentis ligneis, lana endocarpii vix in sarcinis distinctis segregata; cortice mox cinerascente; floribus maximis, sapissime rubris:—

Tubo staminali 5-seriali, serie interiori segmentis 5, 2-antheris, petalis alternis, cum serie altera staminibus simplicibus, 1-antheris, 10 per paria petalis oppositis fascem centalem stylum amplectentem formante; ceteris in phalangibus 2-cruralibus 5, petalis oppositis dispositis, staminibus phalangium singularum sub-12, omnibus binis 1-antheris; foliolis longius petiolulatis, laminis acuminato-caudatis subtus viridibus; stylo longibrachiato; capsula velutina *Bombax malabaricum*.

[In India peninsulari et boreali, in China australi et Indo-China, in archipelagine Malayana, insulis Philippinensibus et Australia boreali-orientali frequens.]

Tubo staminali multiseriali, staminibus omnibus binis 1-antheris, serie interiori (forsan cum serie altera tantum speciei præcedentis comparanda) staminibus 20 petalis oppositis annulum stylum amplectentem formante; ceteris in phalangibus 2-cruralibus 5, petalis oppositis dispositis, staminibus phalangium singularum numerosis; foliolis breve petiolulatis vel sessilibus, laminis acutis; stylo brevibrachiato; capsula glabra *Bombax insigne*.

[In India peninsulari occidentali; in Indo-China et in Malaya.]

Bombax pentandrum and *B. malabaricum* are wonderfully uniform in the number and arrangement of the elements of their staminal whorl; *B. insigne*, while equally uniform as regards the arrangement, varies considerably as regards the number of stamens in its phalanges. The subjoined key shows the distinguishing features and relative position of the most important of these varieties.

Tubo staminali ovario plus duplo longiore
foliolis subsessilibus late lanceolatis,
subtus viridibus glabris; floribus albis; .
(capsula ignota)

Bombax insigne, SUB-SP. *anceps* (*B. anceps* Pierre). *B. malabarici* var. *albiflora* Wall. [Cat. n. 1840/3 et 1840/4] vel ad hanc sub-speciem, vel ad *B. insignis* genuini var. *albam* referenda est.

[Burma (Shan) ; Cochin-China.]

Tubo staminali ovario vix longiore *Bombax insigne*, SUB-SP *genuina*.Staminibus phalangium cruralibus
utrinque circa 20:—Staminibus phalangium singularum
inter-cruralibus circa 30, capsula
(unius ignota), 10-12-pollicari:—Foliolis subsessilibus lato lanceo-
latis vel obovato-mucronatis,
subtus glaucescentibus; flori-
bus rubrisvar. *typica* (*B. insigne* Wall ; *B. fes-
tivum* Wall. [Cat. 1841]).

[Chittagong ; Arracan ; Pegu.]

Foliolis subsessilibus lato lanceo-
latis, subtus viridibus gla-
bris ; floribus albisvar. *alba* (*Salmalia malabarica*
Hort. Bogor., nequaquam Schott).[Java, culta ; forsan Burma (vide supra *B. anceps*).]Foliolis breve petiolulatis an-
guste lanceolatis, subtus
glaucescentibus ; floribus ru-
brisvar. *andamanica*.

[Andamans ; ins. Cocos].

Foliolis breve petiolulatis an-
guste lanceolatis, subtus
puberulis ; (florum colore
ab autore neglecto ; capsula
ignota)var. *cambodiensis* (*B. cambodiense*
Pierre).

[Cambodia.]

Staminibus phalangium singularum
intercruralibus circa 50, capsula
10-12-pollicari, foliis subsessili-
bus lato lanceolatis, floribus ru-
brisvar. *Wightii*.

[India ; in prov. Kanara, Anamallai, Malabar.]

Staminibus phalangium singularum
intercruralibus circa 90 ; capsula
8-4-pollicari tantum ; foliis
sessilibus anguste lanceolatis, sub-
tus glaucescentibus ; floribus ru-
brisvar. *polystemon*.

[Narcondam.]

Staminibus phalangium cruralibus utrin-
que 10 ; phalangium singularum in-
tercruralibus circa 30 ; capsula 10-12-
pollicari ; foliis breve petiolulatis

lanceolatis subtus viridibus glabris,

floribus viridescentibus *var. larutensis.*

[Perak; prov. Larut: ^{also} *for* *etiam* in archipelagine *Malayana* apud Priaman].

It will be noted that the writer is unable to perpetuate the generic rank (*Eriodendron*) assigned by DeCandolle to the Linnean *Bombax pentandrum*. When the differences in the staminal columns of the three 'species' here recognised are reduced to the simplest possible terms, we observe that in *B. pentandrum* this whorl consists of but one element, the items of which are alternate with the petals; that in *B. insigne*, likewise, there is but one element, the items of which are opposite the petals; that in *B. malabaricum*, on the other hand, both these elements occur. Either, therefore, *Bombax malabaricum* and *Bombax insigne* typify two genera as distinct from each other as *Eriodendron* is from either; or, as is here proposed, all three are congeneric. In another place the writer hopes to show that he is right in thinking, with Schumann, that *Pachira* does not deserve to be removed generically from *Bombax*; that he is justified in further reducing *Chorisia* to *Eriodendron*, and therefore also to *Bombax*; and is entitled to believe, with Willdenow, that the characters which separate *Adansonia* from *Bombax* are too trivial to be generic.

On the other hand, it will be noted that the material of some of the forms included in *B. insigne* is not yet complete, and it will be readily understood that writers who recognise as distinct the 'genera' referred to in the preceding paragraph, will be still more apt to treat as specifically separable the various forms of *B. insigne* here defined. No work on Indian Botany hitherto published notes *B. insigne* as Indian; the tree, when mentioned, is stated to occur only in Indo-China.

VI. STERCULIACEÆ. IV.

11. *STERCULIA RUBIGNIOSA* Vent., *var. GLABRESCENS* King. Narcondam (10); Barren Island (4).

Andamans and Nicobar coasts, general; the variety only.

- *HERITIERA LITTORALIS* Dryand. Narcondam, fruits on beach, E. Bay; Barren Island, fruits on beach at Landing-place Cove: not found growing in either island.

VII. TILIACEÆ. —.

12. *GREWIA LÆVIGATA* Vahl. Narcondam (11); in leaf only.
Africa; India, Burma, Malaya; Australia.

VIII. RUTACEÆ. —.

13. *GLYCOSMIS PENTAPHYLLA* Corr. Narcondam (12).
India, Indo-China, Malaya.

IX. BURSERACEÆ. V.

14. *GARUGA PINNATA* Roxb. Narcondam (13); Barren Island (5); in both islands common.

India, Burma, Malaya.

- *CANARIUM EUPHYLLUM* Kurz. Narcondam?

The leaves of this species occur in Herb. Calcutta, and are given as from

Narcondam, on the authority of the Andaman Deputation of 1866, by whom the specimen was collected; the writer did not see the tree in 1891. As the deputation visited the Coco Group (where the species does occur) as well as Narcondam, and as there are many other errors of locality on the tickets of their collection, the species, though here mentioned, is not formally included in the list.

X. MELIACEÆ. —.

15. *AMOORA ROHITUKA* W. & A. Narcondam (14).
India, Burma, Malaya.
16. *AMOORA DECANDRA* Hiern. Narcondam (15).
Central and Eastern Himalaya; Malaya.
- . *ORAPA MOLUCCENSIS* Lamk. Narcondam; seeds on beach, E. Bay.

XI. OLACINÆÆ. —.

17. *CANSJERA RHEEDEI* Gmel. Narcondam (16).
India, Burma, Malaya; N. Australia; S. China.
18. *APODYTES ANDAMANICA* Kurz. Narcondam (17).
Andamans.

XII. RHAMNÆÆ. VI.

19. *COLUBRINA ASIATICA* Brogn. Narcondam (18); Barren Island (6).
Africa; India and Ceylon; Burma, Malaya; N. Australia.
20. *GOUANIA LEPTOSTACHYA* Brogn. Narcondam (19), very plentiful.
India, Burma, Malaya.

XIII. AMPELIDÆÆ. VII.

21. *VITIS REPENS* W. & A. Barren Island (7), very common.
India, Burma, Malaya.
22. *VITIS CARNOSEA* Wall. Narcondam (20), common.
India, Burma, Malaya.
23. *VITIS LANCEOLARIA* Roxb. Narcondam (21).
India, Indo-China, Malaya.
24. *LEEA SAMBUCINA* Willd. Narcondam (22); Barren Island (8).
India, Burma, Malaya.

XIV. SAPINDACEÆ. VIII.

25. *ERIOGLOSSUM EDULE* Bl. Narcondam (23), common; Barren Island (9).
India, Burma, Malaya; N. Australia.
26. *ALLOPHYLUS COBRE* Bl. Narcondam (24), at Coco Bay.
India, Burma, Malaya.
27. *DODONÆA VISCOSA* Linn. Barren Island (10), common in the valley south of the lava.
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.

xv. ANACARDIACEÆ. ix.

28. *ODINA WODIER* Roxb. Narcondam (25), very common.
India, Indo-China.
29. *SEMECARPUS HETEROPHYLLA* Bl. Narcondam (26); Barren Island (11).
Indo-China, Andamans, Malaya.

xvi. LEGUMINOSÆ. x.

30. *DESMODIUM POLYCARPON* DC. Narcondam (27); Barren Island (12).
East Africa; S.-E. Asia; Polynesia; Japan and China.
31. *ABRUS PRECATORIUS* Linn. Narcondam (28); Barren Island (13).
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.
32. *ERYTHRINA INDICA* Lamk. Narcondam (29), coast, Anchorage Bay.
India, Burma, Malaya.
33. *MUCUNA GIGANTEA* DC. Narcondam (30), common.
India, Indo-China, Malaya; Polynesia.
34. *CANAVALIA TURGIDA* Grah. Narcondam (31), Coco and East Bays.
India, Indo-China, Malaya.
35. *VIGNA LUTEA* A. Gray. Narcondam (32), on coast.
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.
36. *PHASEOLUS ADENANTHUS* G. F. Mey. Narcondam (33), abundant on
beach at East Bay.
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.
37. *DALBERGIA TAMARINDIFOLIA* Roxb. Barren Island (14).
India, Indo-China, Malaya.
38. *DALBERGIA MONOSPERMA* Dalz. Narcondam (34), coast north of
Anchorage Bay.
India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; China.
39. *DERRIS SCANDENS* Benth. Narcondam (35), East Bay, in sea-fence.
India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; China.
40. *PONGAMIA GLABRA* Vent. Barren Island (15), one tree behind the
beach at the landing-place, and close to the lava.
Mascarene Isds; India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; Polynesia.
41. *CESALPINIA BONDUCELLA* Flem. Narcondam (36), Coco Bay.
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.
42. *ENTADA SCANDENS* Benth. Narcondam (37).
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.
43. *ACACIA CONCINNA* DC. Narcondam (38); Barren Island (16); common.
India, Indo-China; China.

xvii. COMBRETACEÆ xi.

44. *TERMINALIA CATAPPA* Linn. Narcondam (39); Barren Island (17).
Andamans, Malaya.

This is comparatively scarce in Narcondam, but on Barren Island it is un-

doubtedly the most numerously represented tree present. Though really a littoral species, it is not here confined to the shore, but extends from base to summit of the outer cone on both sides wherever there is soil suitable for it to grow. Its general dispersal in the island has been largely assisted by the rats; they carry off the fruits in order to eat the fleshy outer portion.

45. *GYROCARPUS JACQUINII* Roxb. Narcondam (40).

Africa; India, Indo-China, Malaya; Polynesia: not in the Mascarene Islands or E. Africa.

XVIII. MYRTACEÆ. XII.

46. *EUGENIA JAMBOLANA* Linn. Barren Island (18), very common.

India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia.

47. *BARRINGTONIA SPECIOSA* Forst. Narcondam (41).

Ceylon; Andamans, Malaya; Australia; Polynesia.

The fruits of this species were picked up on the beaches in Barren Island, but the tree itself was not found growing.

XIX. MELASTOMACEÆ. — .

48. *MEMECYLON EDULE* Roxb. Narcondam (42).

Ceylon; Indo-China, Andamans, Malaya; Philippines.

XX. CUCURBITACEÆ. — .

49. *TRICHOSANTHES PALMATA* Roxb. Narcondam (43).

India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; Japan and China.

XXI. RUBIACEÆ. XIII.

50. *OLDENLANDIA CORYMBOSA* Linn. Barren Island (19), in the crater.

America; Africa; India, Indo-China, Malaya.

51. *MUSSEMDA MACROPHYLLA* Linn. Barren Island (20), common.

Indo-China, Andamans.

This plant, which is common in the valley between the cones, close to the lava, is one of the species reported by the Deputation of 1866; flowering specimens collected then are preserved in the Calcutta Herbarium, but are noted as being from Narcondam, not Barren Island. The species does not appear to occur in Narcondam, for the plant was carefully looked for there. The mistake on these tickets, which requires to be pointed out, since some of the specimens collected in 1866 may have reached Herbaria in Europe, is nevertheless a fortunate one, as it first called the attention of the writer to the fact that, though this Deputation only reported on Barren Island (*Proc. As. Soc., Beng., 1866, 215*), it visited Narcondam also. The interest of this fact will be shown in discussing the presence of the Coco-nut.

The species has here, owing to its situation, developed a shrubby habit, but careful examination of the complete material obtained by the writer, leads him to conclude that it cannot be looked upon as even varietally distinct.

52. *GUETTARDA SPECIOSA* Linn. Narcondam (44).
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.
53. *IXORA BRUNNESCENS* Kurz. Narcondam (45), and Barren Island (21); common on the coasts.
Andamans.
54. *IXORA CUNEIFOLIA* Roxb. Barren Island (22), within outer cone.
Indo-China.
55. *MORINDA CITRIFOLIA* Linn., *var. BRACTEATA* H. f. (sp. Roxb.) Narcondam (46), very common everywhere, from sea-level to the top of the hill, at 2300 feet elev.; Barren Island (23), common.
India, Indo-China, Andamans.
56. *PÆDERIA FETIDA* Linn. Narcondam (47).
India, Burma, Malaya.

XXII. COMPOSITÆ. XIV.

57. *VERNONIA DIVERGENS* Benth. Narcondam (48), on coast.
India, Indo-China. •
58. *BLUMEA GLOMERATA* DC. Narcondam (49), rocks, west coast.
India, Indo-China, Malaya; China.
59. *BLUMEA LACINIATA* DC. Narcondam (50), rocks east coast.
India, Indo-China, Malaya; China.
60. *BLUMEA MYRIOCEPHALA* DC. Narcondam (51), at 1500–1800 feet.
Eastern Himalaya, Indo-China, Andamans.
61. *PLUCHEA INDICA* Less. Narcondam (52), and Barren Island (24), on coasts; common.
India, Indo-China, Malaya; China.
62. *WEDELIA SCANDENS* C. B. Clarke. Narcondam (53), common on coasts; Barren Island (25), coasts.
India, Indo-China, Malaya.

XXIII. GOODENOVIÆ. XV.

63. *SCÆVOLA KENIGII* Vahl. Narcondam (54); Barren Island (26).
India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; Polynesia.

XXIV. MYRSINÆ. XVI.

64. *ARDISIA HUMILIS* Vahl. Narcondam (55); Barren Island (27).
India, Indo-China, Malaya; China.

XXV. SAPOTACEÆ. — .

65. *SIDEROXYLON FERRUGINEUM* H. & A. Narcondam (56).
Malaya, Andamans; China.

This is another of the species obtained by the Deputation of 1866: on this occasion the labels are correct. The form present here has unusually large leaves—in young trees they are 30 in. long by 12 in. across.

66. *DIOSPYROS KURZII* Hiern. Narcondam (57).
Andamans and Nicobars.

XXVI. APOCYNÆ. XVII.

67. *AGANOSMA MARGINATA* G. Don. Barren Island (28), very common in the valley between the cones, to the south of the lava.
Indo-China, Malaya.
68. *ANODENDRON PANICULATUM* A. DC. Narcondam (58).
India, Indo-China, Malaya.

XXVII. ASCLEPIADACEÆ. XVIII.

69. *TYLOPHORA GLOBIFERA* H. f. ? Narcondam (59); in fruit only.
Andamans.
70. *HOYA PARASITICA* Wall. Narcondam (60); Barren Island (29).
Indo-China, Malaya.
71. *HOYA DIVERSIFOLIA* Bl. (*H. orbiculata* Wall.) Narcondam (61); Barren Island (30).
Indo-China, Malaya.
72. *DISCHIDIA NUMMULARIA* R. Br. Narcondam (62).
Indo-China, Malaya; Australia.

XXVIII. EBENACEÆ. XIX.

73. *MITREOLA OLDENLANDIODES* Wall. Barren Island (31), abundant underneath a thicket of gregarious *Flueggia* to the north of the lava at Landing-place Cove; not seen elsewhere.
India, Burma, Malaya; N. Australia.
74. *STRYCHNOS ACUMINATA* Wall. Narcondam (63), once at 1600 feet.
Burma, Andamans.

XXIX. CONVOLVULACEÆ. XX.

75. *IPOMŒA GRANDIFLORA* Lamk. Narcondam (64); Barren Island (32).
East Africa; India, Indo-China; Malaya, Australia, Polynesia.
76. *IPOMŒA DENTICULATA* Choisy. Narcondam (65), at East Bay.
Mascarene Islands; Laccadives and Ceylon; Andamans, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia, Polynesia.
77. *IPOMŒA TURPETHUM* R. Br. Narcondam (66), in the bed and round the edges of a small dry lagoon in the beach-forest at East Bay.
Mascarene Islands; India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia, Polynesia.
78. *IPOMŒA BILOBA* Forsk. Narcondam (67); Barren Island (33).
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.
79. *IPOMŒA VITIFOLIA* Sw. Narcondam (68), Coco Bay, abundant.
India, Burma, Malaya.
80. *CONVOLVULUS PARVIFLORUS* Linn. Narcondam (69), Anchorage Bay.
Africa; Indo-China, Malaya; Australia.

— SOLANACEÆ. xxi.

81. *PHYSALIS MINIMA* Linn. Barren Island (34), on a small landslip on outer cone, south of Landing-place Bay.

Cosmopolitan in the tropics.

— SCROPHULARINÆ. xxii.

82. *VANDELLIA CRUSTACEA* Benth. Barren Island (35), on the small landslip, and also inside the crater.

Africa ; India, Indo-China, Malaya ; Australia, Polynesia ; China.

xxx. BIGNONIACEÆ. xxiii.

83. *OROXYLUM INDICUM* Vent. Narcondam (70) ; Barren Island (36).
India, Indo-China, Malaya.

xxxi. ACANTHACEÆ. xxiv.

84. *ERANTHEMUM SUCCIFOLIUM* Kurz. Narcondam (71) ; Barren Island (37).
Andamans, Nicobars.

xxxii. VERBENACEÆ. xxv.

85. *CALLICARPA ARBOREA* Roxb. Narcondam (72) ; Barren Island (38).
India, Burma, Malaya.
86. *PREMNA INTEGRIFOLIA* Linn. Narcondam (73) ; Barren Island (39).
India, Indo-China, Andamans.
87. *CLERODENDRON INERME* Gærtn. Narcondam (74), at East Bay.
India, Indo-China, Andamans.

xxxiii. NYCTAGINÆ. xxvi.

88. *BOERHAAVIA REPENS* Linn. Narcondam (75) ; Barren Island (40) ;
common on rocks on the coast.

Cosmopolitan in the tropics.

89. *PISONIA ACULEATA* Linn. Narcondam (76), not very plentiful.
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.

90. *PISONIA ALBA* Span. Narcondam (77), beach-forest, E. Bay.
Laccadives, Ceylon ; Andamans, Malaya.

91. *PISONIA EXCELSA* Bl. Narcondam (78), abundant, E. Bay.
Andamans, Malaya.

xxxiv. ARISTOLOCHIACEÆ. —.

92. *ARISTOLOCHIA TAGALA* Cham. & Schlécht. Narcondam (79).
India, Indo-China, Malaya ; China.

xxxv. MYRISTICACEÆ. —.

93. *MYRISTICA GLAUCA* Bl. Narcondam (80).
Indo-China, Andamans, Malaya.

xxxvi. EUPHORBIACEÆ. xxvii.

94. *BRIDELIA TOMENTOSA* Bl. Narcondam (81).
India, Indo-China, Malaya, Australia, China.
95. *ACTEPHILA EXCELSA* Muell.-Arg. (*A. javensis* Miq.) Narcondam (82); gregarious and plentiful, the commonest species in the island.
India, Burma, Malaya.
96. *PHYLLANTHUS RETICULATUS* Poir. Barren Island (41), to the south of the lava, near inner base of outer cone.
Africa; India, Burma, Malaya; China.
97. *GLOCHICHON CALOCARPUM* Kurz. Narcondam (83), and Barren Island (42); common on rocks on the coast.
Andamans and Nicobars.
98. *FLUEGGIA MICROCARPA* Bl. Barren Island (43); gregarious and plentiful between the cones to the north of the lava.
Africa; India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; China.
99. *BREYNEA RHAMNOIDES* Muell.-Arg. Narcondam (84).
India, Burma, Malaya; China.
100. *CYCLOSTEMON MACROPHYLLUS* Bl. Narcondam (85).
India, Andamans, Malaya.
101. *CYCLOSTEMON ASSAMICUS* Hook. f. Narcondam (86).
Eastern Himalaya, Assam; Andamans.
102. *BLACHIA ANDAMANICA* Hook. f. Narcondam (87), Anchorage Bay. Andamans.
103. *MALLOTUS ANDAMANICUS* Hook. f. Narcondam (88), gregarious and common, but less so than *Actephila excelsa*.
Andamans.
104. *MACARANGA TANARIUS* Muell.-Arg. Narcondam (89); Barren Island (44).
Andamans, Malaya.
105. *GELONIUM BIFARIUM* Roxb. Narcondam (90), plentiful on the coast; Barren Island (45).
Andamans, Malaya.

xxxvii. URTICACEÆ. xxviii.

106. *TREMA AMBOINENSIS* Bl. Narcondam (91), common on rocky coasts and inland also; Barren Island (46), general, some stunted examples occur even on the bare inner cone.
Eastern Himalaya, Indo-China, Andamans, Malaya.
107. *FIGUS GIBBOSA* Bl., *var. CUSPIDIFERA* King. Barren Island (47).
India, Indo-China, Malaya.
108. *FIGUS GLABERRIMA* Bl. Narcondam (92); one of the tallest trees.
Himalaya, Indo-China, Malaya.

109. *FIGUS BENJAMINA* Linn. Narcondam (93); seeds brought have germinated at Calcutta.

India, Indo-China, Malaya.

110. *FIGUS RETUSA* Linn., *var. NITIDA* King (*sp. Thunbg.*). Narcondam (94), and Barren Island (48); very common on both islands.

India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; New Caledonia; China.

111. *FIGUS NERVOSA* Roth. Narcondam (95), at 1,800 feet elevation.

India, Indo-China, Malaya; China.

112. *FIGUS RUMPHII* Bl. Narcondam (96), and Barren Island (49); very plentiful.

India, Indo-China, Malaya.

113. *FIGUS CALLOSA* Willd. Narcondam (97), beach-forest at East Bay; a very tall tree.

India, Indo-China, Malaya.

114. *FIGUS BREVICUSPIS* Miq. Narcondam (98), very common; Barren Island (50); this is one of those species in which many of the branchlets are hollow and afford homes for species of ants.

Andamans, Malaya.

115. *FIGUS HISPIDA* Linn., *var. TYPICA*. Barren Island (51), in the valley between the cones, at the inner base of the outer cone.

India; Indo-China, Malaya.

var. DÆMONUM King (*sp. Kœnig.*). Narcondam (99), and Barren Island (51); frequent.

India, Indo-China, Malaya.

116. *FIGUS VARIEGATA* Bl. Barren Island (52); on the hill at the west end of southern part of outer cone, overlooking Landing-place Bay.

Indo-China, Malaya.

117. *ANTIARIS TOXICARIA* Leschen. Narcondam (100), not common.

India, Burma, Malaya.

The leaves of the form present here exactly match those of Malayan specimens named *A. rufa* by Miquel.

118. *ARTOCARPUS LAKOOCHA* Roxb. Narcondam (101).

India, Indo-China, Malaya.

119. *BÈHMERIA MALABARICA* Wedd. Narcondam (102); very plentiful.

India, Indo-China, Malaya.

120. *PIPTURUS VELUTINUS* Wedd. Narcondam (103), plentiful.

Nicobars, Malaya; Polynesia.

— . ORCHIDACEÆ. XXIX.

121. *DENDROBIUM* sp. Barren Island (53), rather common on trees on inside of outer cone.

122. PHOLIDOTA IMBRICATA Lindl. Barren Island (54), inside crater.
India, Burma, Malaya.

xxxviii. SCITAMINEÆ. — .

123. MUSA SAPIENTUM Linn. The *Plantain*. Narcondam (104), a large grove behind the Coco-nut trees at Coco Bay.

Cosmopolitan in the tropics, cultivated.

No doubt deliberately introduced for the benefit of possibly ship-wrecked mariners, though it is not quite clear who planted it; probably (see under *Cocos nucifera*) it has been introduced from the Andamans, and perhaps dates from 1866.

xxxix. DIOSCOREACEÆ. xxx.

124. DIOSCOREA SATIVA Linn. Narcondam (105) Barren Island (55).
India, Burma, Malaya; Australia.
125. DIOSCOREA GLABRA Roxb. Barren Island (56); common.
India, Burma, Malaya.

xl. LILIACEÆ. xxxi.

126. DRACÆNA ANGUSTIFOLIA Roxb. Narcondam (106), Anchorage Bay.
Indo-China, Malaya, Australia.
127. GLORIOSA SUPERBA Linn. Barren Island (57), E. coast near sea.
Africa; India; Indo-China, Malaya.

xli. COMMELINACEÆ. — .

128. POLLIA ACLISIA Hassk. Narcondam (107), very abundant on slopes overlooking south end of Anchorage Bay.
Eastern Himalaya, Indo-China, Malaya.

xlII. PALMEÆ. xxxII.

129. CARYOTA MITIS Lour. (*C. sobolifera* Wall.) Narcondam (108).
Indo-China, Malaya.
130. COCOS NUCIFERA Linn. Narcondam (109), many at Coco Bay, a few at Anchorage Bay, one, not yet bearing, at E. Bay; Barren Island (58), thirteen trees counted from the offing, behind the *Pandanus* fence at Anchorage Bay; none seen elsewhere.
India; Malaya; Polynesia; America.

The introduction of this tree into these islands is a question of some interest. The tree at E. Bay, Narcondam, has no doubt been produced from a nut washed round from Coco Bay; in all likelihood the trees at Anchorage Bay have been derived from the same source. The trees at Coco Bay itself may have originated from nuts brought from the Coco Group by a surface-current sweeping from the Sea of Bengal, through the Preparis Channels, from N.-E. to S.-W. across the Andaman Sea; but as they are associated, where they occur, with a grove of *Musa sapientum* (which must have been deliberately introduced), it is not unreasonable to suppose that the two species were introduced together.

The question is, when did they first appear? Hume and Ball landed in 1873 at the very spot where they are now so plentiful, yet no mention is made by either writer of their presence. As Ball speaks of some of the species observed at this Bay, and as Hume describes the Coco-nuts seen by him, shortly after, at the Cocos, it is hard to believe that the trees were there in 1873. Again, Mallet makes no reference to them in 1884; the maps accompanying his account indicate that he and Hobday landed at Anchorage Bay, and he may not therefore have seen the large grove at Coco Bay; but those at the beach where he landed should have been evident to him. Mallet's paper is however confined to the geology and topography of the island, and hardly alludes to its vegetation. But Hume, Ball, and Mallet are equally silent regarding the Coco-nuts on Barren Island which we know to have been present in 1866, for they were seen by the Andaman Deputation—whose report has been already referred to (p. 56)—behind a beach, to which they still seem confined. As these three writers failed to notice Coco-nuts in Barren Island, where we know they existed at the time of those visits, there is no reason why Coco-nuts should not have been present then in Narcondam also. The Andaman Deputation in their Report (*Proc. As. Soc., Beng.*, 1866, 215), say: "We brought from Port Blair with us a number of Cocoa-nuts, Plantain trees, and Pine-apple cuttings, and these we planted on the ground from which the grass had been cut, in hopes that they might be of use to some future visitors."* We have seen, in connection with some of the species in this list, that the same deputation visited Narcondam also, though it did not report on that island; nothing therefore is more probable than that the deputation did there what it had done on Barren Island, and that to its members belongs the credit of having introduced, at least, the Plantains. But the Coco-nut trees are so much more numerous, and so much larger on Narcondam than on Barren Island, that one finds it difficult to think they only date from 1866. It is unfortunate that the deputation did not find it necessary to report on Narcondam as well as on Barren Island; had they done so, there is little doubt the report would have mentioned any Coco-nuts that were present. However, even if the Coco-nut trees were already there in 1866, the writer is inclined to think that their origin must still be due to introduction by some previous visitor.

The Coco-nuts on Barren Island may be supposed to have originated from nuts swept up by a strong surface-current that flows from the south-west, and that therefore would bring drift from the Nicobars where Coco-nuts are plentiful. But it is more likely that the trees have been introduced, though involuntarily, by man. For though there is reason to believe that no one has ever landed at this particular beach, this bay affords the only safe anchorage in the island, and it is therefore more probable that those trees have sprung from nuts that have fallen overboard from

* There was no trace of any of these in the locality indicated during the writer's visit, a circumstance not surprising; because, in the first place, the situation is not over-suitable for such species, and, besides, goats have been since then introduced into the island! It may be mentioned that no one at Port Blair in 1891 knew of the existence of Coco-nuts in Narcondam, and the writer consequently took a number with him in order to plant them, only to find the act unnecessary. And, bearing in mind the state of affairs in Great Coco (*Journ. As. Soc., Beng.*, 1x, pt. 2, 315), he also took fruits of *Carica Papaya* for the same purpose. Should, therefore, subsequent visitors find this species established in the island, they are hereby relieved of the necessity of inventing an hypothesis to explain the circumstance.

some craft lying off this beach, than that they have been brought by the sea from the Nicobars, or that they have been deliberately introduced by man.

XLII. PANDANACEÆ. XXXIII.

131. *PANDANUS ODORATISSIMUS* Linn. f. Narcondam (110), common at Coco Bay and elsewhere; Barren Island (59), at Anchorage Bay.

India, Indo-China, Malaya.

XLIV. AROIDEÆ. — .

132. *AMORPHOPHALLUS (Candarum) REX* Prain, *sp. nov.* *tubere* magno depresso-globoso; *cataphyllis* 4, oblongo-lanceolatis; *folii* petiolo parum asperato vix maculato, lamina trisecta segmentis irregulariter dichotomis iterumque pinnatisectis, pinnulis (imis nonnunquam exceptis) ad costulas decurrentibus, ovato-oblongis, caudato-acuminatis, nervis supra impressis, subtus prominentibus, sinibus angustis; *pedunculo* crasso florifero brevi, fructigero elongato; *spatha* juniore cataphyllis oblecta, matura tubo infundibulari crasso in laminam late campanulatam margine tandem reflexa undulato-plicatam postice acuminatam expanso; *spadice* spatha subduplo longiore, erecto, stricto, crasso; *inflorescentiis* tubo spathæ subinclusis, *feminea* sursum parum angustata quam *masculam* parum obconicam dimidio longiore, *appendice* crassa conico-pyramidali inflorescentiis dimidio longiore et, saltem prope basin, quam eas triplo latiore. Narcondam (111), very common.

Tubere diam. 9-18-poll.; *cataphyllis* spiraliter dispositis, imo exteriore 3 poll., altero 9 poll., tertio 12 poll., summo interiore 19 poll. longis, omnibus 2 poll. latis, pallide viridibus maculis olivaceis, demum tamen subconcoloribus luteis; *petiolo* 2-5-6-pedali basi ipsa 4-5 poll. crasso, sursum spatío brevi ita incrassato ut loco supra solum 4 poll. alto crassitudinis 5-pollicaris, deinde paulatim se coartante et apud trifurcationem diam. 3-5 poll. tantum, pallide viridi, maculis olivaceis, demum subconcolore olivaceo; *lamina* diam. 5-5-ped., supra olivacea subtus prasina, segmentis singulis 36 poll. longis, pinnulis ultimis 8-10 poll. longis, his 3-3-25 poll. latis; *pedunculo* florifero brevi, 2-5 poll. tantum longo, fructigero ad 30 poll. elongato, 1-5-2 poll. crasso, juniore pallide viridi maturo purpurascente; *spatha* a latere 16 poll., a basi ad apicem versus 19 poll. longa, infra substantiæ carnosæ sursum tennescente, extus concolore pallide viridi, intus ad basin verruculosam lutea, supra pallide viridi ibi tamen margine excepto cito flavescente; *spadice* tota 21-6 poll. longa, parte *feminea* 4-5 poll. longa, basi 2-25 poll. apice 1-75 poll. crassa, (fructigera 7 poll. longa et 3-5 poll. crassa) ex ovarii globosis 0-2 poll. diam. viridibus, 2-(rarissime 3-)locularibus, sessilibus, subcontiguis, in stylis 0-3 poll. longos, luteos contractis, stigmatibus plicatim 2-3-lobis, loculis 1-ovulatis, ovulis semianatropis decurvis, funiculo, elongato angulo interiore parum supra basin affixis, in ala placentali circa basin funiculo oxoriente et loculum fere totum complente iunxis eademque amplexis; parte *mascula* 3 poll. longa, basi 1-75 poll., apice 2-5 poll. crassa, e floribus 4-5-antheris spiraliter dispositis, antheris singulis subsessilibus connectivo sursum parum producto, ellipsoideis sursum angustatis apice rimis lunulatis 2-porosis; *appendice* 14 poll. longa, hac basi 6 poll. crassa,

post anthesin caduca, spongiosa, rugosa, valleculosa, lutea et brunneo-maculata: bacca 1-2-sperma, 0·75 poll. longa, hac 0·25-0·35 poll. lata, ovata, versus apicem angustata, carnosa, lutea; seminibus pendulis ovatis, triente basilari e funiculo incrassata spongiosis, ceterum embryone corneo semini subconformi cartilagineis.

This species resembles the Java form, or a variety, of *Amorphophallus campanulatus* (*A. campanulatus* Blume, Rumphia, i, 139. t. 32, 33, as opposed to *Arum campanulatum*, Roxb, Hort. Beng., 66) in the conic-pyramidal shape of the appendix, but differs in other respects, more particularly in the leaf. It agrees with *A. virosus* Brown (*Bot. Mag.*, 6978) in having the male and female inflorescence of about equal length, but in other respects is very distinct, for *A. virosus* has the dense flowered turbinate male inflorescence, and the short oblong appendix characteristic of Roxburgh's *Arum campanulatum* of which it is probably only a form. The following brief diagnosis † may assist in indicating how very distinct the present plant is from the forms hitherto known:—

Petiole hardly verrucose; male flowers disposed spirally on an inflorescence not wider than the female: yellow pyramidal appendix (twice as long as broad, and) one-half longer than the combined inflorescences: (male and female inflorescences of equal length; spathe green concolorous) *A. rex*

Petiole very verrucose; male flowers disposed spirally on an inflorescence much wider than the female: purplish-brown appendix not so long as the combined inflorescences:—

Male and female inflorescences of equal length, spathe green suffused with purple, externally white spotted (oblong appendix not longer than broad) *A. virosus*.

Male inflorescence much shorter than the female, spathe purple concolorous *A. campanulatus*.

Oblong appendix, not longer than broad *Arum campanulatum* Roxb. (India).

Pyramidal appendix twice as long as broad *Amorphophallus campanulatus* Bl. (Java).‡

† In connection with this, it may be mentioned that the *Amorphophallus* from the Coco Group, mentioned (*Journ. As. Soc.*, Beng., lx, 2, 333) as related to *A. bulbifer* and *A. tuberculiger*, has since flowered at Calcutta, and has proved, as was then anticipated, to be a very distinct species. As the authors of the other species, have indicated by the specific name the tubercle-bearing habit of the species, the writer proposes for this one the name 'AMORPHOPHALLUS ONCOPHYLLUS' Prain. The diagnosis between it and the two species for which it might be mistaken, is as follows:—

Stigma sessile, spathe unconstricted, appendix equal in length to the combined inflorescences:—

Female inflorescence shorter than the male *A. tuberculiger*.

Female inflorescence as long as the male *A. bulbifer*.

Style distinct, spathe constricted slightly opposite the male inflorescence, appendix twice as long as the combined inflorescences *A. oncophyllus*.

‡ As this paper has been passing through the press, the writer has learned from Sir Joseph Hooker, that he identifies *A. rex* with Blume's Java *A. campanulatus*.

133. *POTHOS SCANDENS* Linn. Narcondam (112), on trees; common.
India, Indo-China, Malaya.

XLV. CYPERACEÆ. XXXIV.

134. *CYPERUS PENNATUS* Lamk. Narcondam (113); Barren Island (60).
Africa, India, Indo-China, Malaya.
135. *FIMBRISTYLIS DIPHYLLA* Vahl. Barren Island (61).
America; Africa; India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; China.
136. *FIMBRISTYLIS FERRUGINEA* Vahl. Narcondam (114), rocks on coast;
Barren Island (62), tussocks outside inner cone, also inside crater.
India, Indo-China, Malaya.

XLVI. GRAMINEÆ. XXXV.

137. *OPLISMENUS BURMANNI* Roem. & Schult. Barren Island (63).
India, Indo-China, Malaya; China, Japan.
138. *THYSANOLENA ACARIFERA* Nees. Narcondam (115) coasts.
India, Indo-China; Malaya.
139. *POGONATHERUM SACCHAROIDEUM* Beauv. Barren Island (64); common.
India, Indo-China, Malaya; China.

This species is very abundant on the rocky slopes forming the inner side of the outer cone; it is one of the plants collected by the Deputation of 1866; it was also collected in 1846 by Kamphövenor, botanist on the Danish Frigate "*Gulatea*," whose visit is commemorated by the name '*Gulatea*' having been marked on the large block on the crater. Kamphövenor's specimens are in the Herbarium at Copenhagen.

140. *IRCHÆMUM MUTICUM* Retz. Barren Island (65); common.
India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; Western Polynesia.

Usually a coast species, this here extends inland and fills the valley between the cones, covering all the bottom of this except the lava streams.

— LYCOPODINEÆ. XXXVI.

141. *LYCOPODIUM CERNUUM* Linn. Barren Island, (66), interior of crater.
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.
142. *PSILOTUM TRIQUETRUM* Sw. Barren Island (67), interior of crater.
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.

XLVII. FILICES. XXXVII.

143. *DAVALLIA SOLIDA* Sw. Narcondam (116), on trees in beach-forest.
Andamans, Malaya, Polynesia; Australia.
144. *DAVALLIA SPELUNCÆ* Bak. Narcondam (117), common.
Africa; India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; Polynesia.
145. *ADIANTUM LUNULATUM* Burm. Barren Island (68), common.
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.
146. *TRICHOMANES PYXIDIFERUM* Linn. Narcondam, (118), at 2330 feet.
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.

147. *CHEILANTHES TENUIFOLIA* Sw. Barren Island (69), dwarf specimens, plentiful within the crater.

India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; Polynesia; China.

148. *ONYCHIUM AURATUM* Kaulf. Barren Island (70), occasional.

Himalayas; Indo-China, Malaya; China.

149. *PTERIS LONGIFOLIA* Linn. Barren Island (71), a few plants.

Cosmopolitan in tropical and sub-tropical countries.

150. *PTERIS BIAURITA* Linn. Barren Island (72), occasional.

Cosmopolitan in the tropics.

151. *ASPLENIUM NIDUS* Linn. Narcondam (119), on trees, rather common.

Mascarene Islands; India, Indo-China, Malaya; Polynesia.

152. *ASPLENIUM FALCATUM* Lamk., *var. UROPHYLLUM* Bak. Narcondam (120), very common on stony hill-sides; Barren Island (73).

Africa; India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; Polynesia.

153. *NEPHRODIUM TERMINANS* J. Sm. Narcondam (121), common.

India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; Polynesia; China.

154. *NEPHROLEPIS TUBEROSA* Presl. Barren Island (74).

Cosmopolitan in the tropics.

155. *POLYPODIUM IRIOTIDES* Lamk. Narcondam (122), at 1800 feet.

Africa, India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; Polynesia.

156. *POLYPODIUM ADNASCENS* Sw. Narcondam (123); Barren Island (75).

Africa, India, Indo-China, Malaya; Polynesia.

157. *POLYPODIUM QUERCIFOLIUM* Linn. Narcondam (124); Barren Island (76).

India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia.

158. *ACROSTICHUM APPENDICULATUM* Willd., *var. SETOSA* Bak. Narcondam (125), common.

India, Indo-China, Malaya.

159. *ACROSTICHUM COSTATUM* Wall., *var. DELTIGERA*. Narcondam (126); exactly = Wallich's *Meniscium deltigerum*.

E. Himalayas; Indo-China, Malaya.

160. *ACROSTICHUM AUREUM* Linn. Narcondam (127); and Barren Island (77); common on rocks on the coast.

Cosmopolitan in the tropics in salt marshes.

161. *ACROSTICHUM SCANDENS* J. Sm. Barren Island (78), near sea.

India, Indo-China, Malaya; Australia; Polynesia.

XLVIII. MUSCI. XXXVIII.

162. *NECKERA RUGULOSA* Mitt.* Narcondam (128), at 2330 feet.

Ceylon.

* Examined, and kindly named for the writer by Dr. Brotherus, Helsingfors.

163. *BRYUM CORONATUM* Schwægr. Narcondam (129); Barren Island (79). Cosmopolitan in the tropics.

XLIX. LICHENES. XXXIX.

164. *COLLEMA NIGRESCENS* Achar. Narcondam (130), rather common; Barren Island (80), plentiful.
Cosmopolitan.

L. FUNGI.* XL.

165. *POLYPORUS AUSTRALIS* Fries. Narcondam (131); Barren Island (81).
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.
166. *POLYPORUS XANTHOPUS* Fries. Narcondam (132).
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.
167. *LENZITES PLATYPHYLLUS* Cooke, *Grevillea* xiii. 1. Narcondam (132).
Malay Peninsula.
168. *DEDAELEA GRIERCINA* Fries. Narcondam (134); Barren Island (82).
Cosmopolitan.
169. *PENIOPHORA PAPYRINA* Mont. Narcondam (135); Barren Island (83).
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.
170. *HIRNEOLA POLYTRICHA* Mont. Narcondam (136); Barren Island (84).
Cosmopolitan in the tropics.
171. *THELEPHORA INCRUSTANS* Pers. Narcondam (137); Barren Island (85).
Cosmopolitan.
172. *RHYTISMA*, sp. Narcondam (138); Barren Island (86); on leaves of *Ficus brevicuspis*.
Andamans.

ALGÆ. XII.

173. *CALOTHRIX PULVINATA* Ag. Barren Island (87); on stones in the hot spring on the beach at Landing-place Cove.
Cosmopolitan.
174. *CALOTHRIX TASMANICA* Kg. Barren Island (88); on rocks in bed of torrent on inside of outer cone to the south of the lava.
Indo-China, Malaya; Australia.

§§§ NATURE AND ORIGIN OF THE FLORA.

The list includes 174 species, of which 138 occur in Narcondam and 88 in Barren Island; 86, or $62\frac{1}{3}\%$, of the Narcondam plants are absent from Barren Island, while 36, or 41% , of the Barren Island species do not occur in Narcondam; only 52 species—making $37\frac{1}{4}\%$ of

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the Narcondam, 59% of the Barren Island flora—are common to the two islands. Of the genera, 111 occur in Narcondam and 75 in Barren Island, but only 48,—43½% of the Narcondam ones, 64% of those in Barren Island—are found in both places. Eleven natural orders present in Narcondam are unrepresented in Barren Island; five present in Barren Island are not found in Narcondam.

As regards *Cryptogams*, the two floras seem very similar, each having the same total number; the natural orders, however, indicate greater diversity of character among Barren Island than among Narcondam *Cryptogams*. There are two *Lycopodineæ*, and two *Algæ*, not represented in Narcondam; on the other hand, in Narcondam, at the top of the hill are a *Trichomanes* and a *Neckera*, absent from Barren Island. Of the thirteen ferns on Narcondam and 12 on Barren Island, 5 only are common to the two places; the Narcondam ferns belong to 6 genera, the Barren Island ones represent 8 genera. In Narcondam, one of the features of the vegetation is the presence of large beds of ferns; in Barren Island, ferns are scarce.

All the *Cryptogams* are herbaceous, and may all have their presence credited to wind-agency; *Acrostichum aureum*, however, in both islands, and *Acrostichum scandens* in Barren Island, grow only near the sea; both are denizens of mud-flats in the Sunderbuns, the Andamans and throughout Malaya and possibly therefore are sea-introduced.

Of the 46 natural orders of *Phanerogams* in Narcondam, 23 are represented by one species, 12 by two species, 3 by three species, and 3 by four species each; the only orders represented by more than four species, are *Compositæ* and *Convolvulaceæ*, each 6 sp.; *Euphorbiaceæ*, 10 sp.; *Leguminosæ*, 12 sp. and *Utricaceæ*, 13 sp. In the 35 natural orders in Barren Island we find that 21 are represented by one species, 8 by two species, and 2 by three species; the only orders represented by more than three species are *Leguminosæ*, *Rubiaceæ* and *Euphorbiaceæ*, 5 sp. each, and *Urticaceæ*, 7 sp. *Urticaceæ* is thus in both islands the leading natural order; this hegemony is due to the facilities that fruits of the order offer for introduction by frugivorous birds.

Of the 115 Narcondam *Phanerogams*, 33 are trees, 31 are shrubs, 37 are climbing species—woody climbers 16, herbaceous climbers 21; only 5 climbers being armed—and 14 are herbs. Of the 65 Barren Island species, 15 are trees, 17 are shrubs, 16 are climbers—woody 6, herbaceous 10; only 3 armed—and 17 are herbs. There are roughly speaking twice as many trees, shrubs and climbers in Narcondam as in Barren Island; the number of herbaceous species in the latter island is, however, slightly in excess of the number in the former. Of the herbaceous *Phanerogams* seven species are common to both islands; all

are plants that may have been introduced by the sea. Of inland herbaceous species which may have been introduced by fruit-eating or marsh birds, or by the wind, the islands do not have one in common.

In Narcondam there are four *Compositæ* most probably introduced by wind; a grass, *Thysanotena*, may conceivably have been introduced in the same way. The two remaining herbs are the *Amorphophallus* which, even if in this island it has developed into a distinct form, must have originally been introduced by some fruit-eating bird, and the *Pollia*, which most probably has been introduced by the same agency.

In Barren Island, the wind-introduced species are two orchids and one grass, *Pogonatherum*; *Ischæum muticum* has probably been introduced by the sea. The others have been introduced by birds; *Physalis* and *Mitreola* probably by fruit-eating birds; *Oldenlandia*, *Vandellia* and *Oplismenus* by birds to whose feet or feathers seeds have clung. Except *Pogonatherum*, *Ischæum* and *Mitreola*, the Barren Island herbs are scarce.

The paucity of armed climbers in both islands is striking. The proportion of climbers to erect species is considerably higher in Narcondam, where they form one-third of the whole Phanerogamic flora, than in Barren Island, where they form only one-fourth, and partly in consequence of this, the jungle in Barren Island is opener than in Narcondam. Of the thirty-seven climbers in Narcondam, twelve have undoubtedly been introduced by fruit-eating birds, while one has most probably been introduced by its fruits having stuck to the feathers of some bird; fourteen have been introduced by the sea; six by winds. Of the remaining four species, which are more doubtful, two may be safely assumed to be here sea-introduced species also; one may be put down to the agency of birds, and only one species, the *Dioscorea*, is quite doubtful; perhaps the sea is on the whole the most likely agency.

Similarly, of the sixteen climbers on Barren Island, five are clearly species introduced by fruit-eating birds; to these a sixth probably should be added. Four are species certainly sea-introduced; to these another should probably, and two more should perhaps be added; of wind-introduced species there are three.

Very few of these species are common to both islands, only nine, or about half the Barren Island and one-fourth of the Narcondam climbers being so; of these four are again sea-shore species, and the *Dioscorea* found in both islands may be a fifth of the sea-introduced class. Two, the *Hoyas*, are wind-introductions; one, *Capparis sepiaria*, is certainly; another, the *Abrus*, is probably, a bird-introduced species.

Of the thirty-one Narcondam shrubs, one (*Musa*) has been introduced by man; on the other hand not a single shrub owes its presence

to the agency of wind. As many as seventeen are unequivocally bird-introduced species; and ten are unequivocally sea-introduced species; the remaining three, which are all capsular-fruited *Euphorbiaceae* (*Actephila*, *Macaranga* and *Mallotus*), though not unequivocally sea-introduced, are in all probability species of this class.

Of the seventeen Barren Island shrubs, seven are undoubtedly bird-introduced species; nine are sea-introduced species; one species, *Dodonaea*, is, though somewhat equivocally, to be looked upon as wind-introduced.

There is much greater conformity between the floras as regards this class; thirteen of the Barren Island shrubs occur also in Narcondam, only four being peculiar; all but one of the sea-shore, and all but two of the bird-introduced shrubs in Barren Island occur in Narcondam also.

The trees in the two islands have last to be considered. Of the thirty-three in Narcondam twenty-one, or more than three-fifths, have been introduced by birds; two from their fruits having been attached to the feet or feathers, the others, by fruit-eating birds: ten may have been sea-introduced; for seven this mode of introduction is undoubted, as regards *Caryota* it is rather equivocal, and the Coco-nut may have been deliberately introduced; two species are wind-introduced.

Of the fifteen Barren Island trees, nine are bird-introduced species; five are sea-introduced; one has been introduced by wind.

Here again great conformity between the floras is observable; of the fifteen Barren Island trees, ten occur in Narcondam: these include all the bird-introduced ones except four, and all but one of the sea-introduced species; one wind-introduced species is common to the two islands.

Among herbaceous species, where the equality of numbers promised most agreement, there is therefore greater diversity between the two floras than among the others.

Of the 75 species of *Phanerogams* peculiar to Narcondam, 22 have been introduced by the sea, 42 by birds, and 10 by winds; one species (*Musa*) has been introduced by man. Of the 25 species peculiar to Barren Island, on the other hand 5 have been introduced by the sea, 15 by birds, 5 by winds. Of the 40 *Phanerogams* common to the two islands; 24 are sea-introduced, 13 are bird-introduced, 3 wind-introduced. In the common element of the two floras, the sea-introduced species form the dominant class, being nearly double the bird-introduced species and six times as numerous as the wind-introduced ones. In the special elements, on the other hand, the bird-introduced species form in both instances the dominant class; in Narcondam they are nearly twice as numerous as the sea-introduced and four times as numerous as the wind-introduced species; in Barren Island, they are three times as numerous as either of these kinds.

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No. 5.

ORDER XVI. DIPTEROCARPEÆ.

Resinous trees, rarely climbing shrubs. *Leaves* alternate, simple, quite entire, rarely sinuate-crenate, penni-nerved, the main nerves bold; stipules usually small and inconspicuous, sometimes larger and persistent, or fugitive, leaving an annular scar, (absent in *Ancistrocladus*). *Flowers* in few- or many-flowered, axillary and terminal racemes or panicles. *Bracts* usually minute or 0, rarely larger and persistent. *Sepals* free, or cohering into a tube surrounding but free from, or more or less adnate to, the base of the ovary and fruit. *Petals* contorted, connate at the base, or free. *Stamens* ∞ , 15, 10 or 5, hypogynous or sub-perigynous, free, connate, or adnate to the petals; filaments short, often dilated at the base; anthers 2-celled, the outer valves sometimes larger, connective often aristate or with an obtuse appendage. *Ovary* slightly immersed in the torus, usually 3- rarely 2- or 1-celled; style subulate or fleshy, entire or with 3 minute stigmatic lobes; ovules anatropous, 2 in each cell, pendulous or laterally affixed (solitary and erect in *Ancistrocladus*). *Fruit* usually nut-like, its pericarp leathery or woody, 1- rarely 2-seeded, surrounded by the variously accrescent calyx of which two or more sepals or lobes are usually developed into linear wings. *Seed* exalbuminous (albumen fleshy and ruminant in *Ancistrocladus*); cotyledons fleshy, equal or unequal, straight or more or less plaited and crumpled, sometimes lobed; radicle directed towards the hilum, usually included between the cotyledons.—*DISTRIB.* Confined (except a few Tropical African species) to Tropical Eastern Asia; genera about 18, species about 250.

Sect. I. EU-DIPTEROCARPEÆ. *Ovaries* 3-celled, each cell 2-ovuled: stigmas united, more or less 3-lobed: seeds usually exalbuminous the outer segments of the fruiting calyx usually enlarged: trees or erect shrubs, mostly stipulate.

Fruiting calyx with 2 or more of its segments or sepals produced into long membranous, reticulate, nerved wings much longer than the fruit; pericarp leathery, (woody in some sp. of *Shorea*).

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Fruiting calyx with a distinct tube.

Calyx-tube quite free from the fruit ... 1 *Dipterocarpus*.

Calyx-tube adherent to the fruit 2 *Anisoptera*.

Sepals united at the base only, the short calyx-tube either quite free from the fruit or slightly adherent to it, the calyx-segments or sepals valvate or nearly so.

Stamens with a single, long apical, appendage from the connective 3 *Vatica*.

Stamens with 4 apical appendages from the anthers and 1 from the connective ... 4 *Pentacme*.

Sepals free, imbricate.

The three outer sepals always, and one or both of the inner two occasionally, winged in the fruit; anthers with a short apical appendage from the connective ... 5 *Shorea*.

The two outer sepals winged in the fruit, the three inner not longer than the fruit and closely embracing it; stamens with a terminal appendage from the connective longer than the anther ... 6 *Hopea*.

Sepals of fruiting-calyx all enlarged but not exceeding, or only slightly exceeding, the fruit; pericarp leathery or woody.

Fruiting calyx embracing the fruit but not adherent to it.

Sepals of fruiting calyx slightly thickened.

Sepals of fruiting-calyx oblong, nearly equal, usually shorter than the fruit, reflexed or erect ... 7 *Retinodendron*.

Sepals of fruiting-calyx rotund, unequal (the inner two smaller), reflexed ... 8 *Isoptera*.

Sepals of fruiting calyx much thickened and woody at the base.

Calyx forming a cup at the base of the fruit, but not adhering to it: pericarp woody ...

9 *Balanocarpus*.

Calyx adherent to the fruit: pericarp thickly leathery ...

10 *Pachynocarpus*.

Sect. II. ANCISTROCLADEÆ. Ovary 1-celled with a single ovule; stigmas 3, distinct: Seeds with copious ruminant albumen. Exstipulate climbers. 11 *Ancistrocladus*.

1. DIPTEROCARPUS, Gærtn. f.

Lofty trees, stellately pubescent or more or less clothed with fascicled hairs. Leaves coriaceous, entire or sinuate-crenate; lateral nerves connected by marginal loops and transverse reticulations; stipules large, valvate, enclosing the terminal bud, finally caducous and leaving an annular scar. Flowers large, white or reddish. Calyx-tube free. Petals usually pubescent externally, especially on the outer margin. Stamens ∞ ; anthers linear, equivalved, acuminate. Ovary 3-celled; style filiform; ovules 2 in each cell. Fruit nut-like, 1-seeded, enclosed in the accrescent calyx-tube, free; accrescent calyx-lobes 2, erect. Seed adnate to the base of the pericarp; cotyledons large, thick, unequal; radicle inconspicuous.—DISTRIB. Tropical E. Asia; species about 60.

Ripe fruit spheroidal or ellipsoidal, neither angled nor winged.

Young branches, petioles, under surfaces of the midribs, and nerves of the leaves covered with coarse stiff fasciculate hairs.

Fruit glabrous ... 1. *D. crinitus*.

„ stellate-pubescent ... 2. *D. Scortechinii*.

Young branches deciduously pubescent.

Leaves with 12 or more pairs of nerves.

Leaves oblong-elliptic, their under surfaces sparsely stellate-pubescent ... 3. *D. Skinneri*.

Leaves elliptic or ovate-elliptic, their under surfaces puberulous or quite glabrous ... 4. *D. turbinatus*.

Leaves with 8 to 10 pairs of nerves.

All parts quite glabrous ... 5. *D. Kerrii*.

Ripe fruit with 5 angular tuberosities on its upper portion 6. *D. cornutus*.

Ripe fruit 5-angled :

Calyx-tube glabrous ; leaves 2·5 to 3·25 in. long 7. *D. fagineus*.

Calyx-tube densely stellate-tomentose ; leaves 6 to 8 in. long 8. *D. oblongifolius*.

Ripe fruit with its 5 angles produced into wings :

Leaves glabrous :

Young branches at first scurfy-puberulous, ultimately quite glabrous : buds ovoid, minutely pale canescent 9. *D. grandiflorus*.

Young branches as in the last, but with conspicuous tawny-tomentose, oblique annuli ; buds cylindric, hoary-canescant 10. *D. Kunstleri*.

Young branches minutely tawny-pubescent, not annulated and never glabrous ; buds ovoid, densely sericeous 11. *D. Griffithii*.

Leaves minutely stellate-pubescent on the lower surface :

Flowers about 1 in. long ; leaves with rounded or sub-cordate bases ; young branches very stout, with ovoid buds : the accrescent lobes of the calyx 1·5 in. broad 12. *D. incanus*.

Flowers 1·5 in. long ; leaves with rounded or cuneate, not sub-cordate, bases : young branches moderately stout with cylindric buds : accrescent calyx-lobes 7 to 8 in. broad 13. *D. alatus*.

1. DIPTEROCARPUS CRINITUS, Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I. 296.

A tree 90 to 150 feet high : young branches, petioles, under surface of midrib and nerves, pedicels and outer surface of bracts of inflorescence clothed with stiff yellowish-brown fascicled hairs. *Leaves* very coriaceous, ovate or more usually obovate, acute, the base rounded or subacute ; the edge entire, fringed with fascicled hairs, recurved (at least when dry) ; both surfaces sparsely hispid when young, glabrescent when old ; main nerves 12 to 18 pairs, spreading, rather straight, very prominent on the lower, depressed on the upper, surface ; length 3 to 5 in., breadth 1·75 to 2·75 in., petiole 1 to 1·25 in. *Racemes* about 6-flowered. *Flowers* nearly 2 in. long. *Calyx* glaucous, glabrous. *Petals*

puberulous, linear, blunt. *Stamens* 15. *Fruit* (immature) ellipsoid, wingless, glaucous, smooth; the enlarged calyx-lobes linear-oblong, blunt, 3-nerved, inconspicuously reticulate, shining, 3·5 in. long and ·6 to ·8 in. broad. Dyer in Journ. Bot. 1874, p. 103. *D. hirtus*, Vesque, Comptes Rendus, 1874, 78, p. 627; Journ. Bot. 1874, p. 151; Dyer l. c. 154.

Malacca; Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 196.

Perak; Scortechini, No. 1955. DISTRIB. Borneo: (fide Dyer), Beccari, 779, 1883.

Burck (Ann. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg, Vol. 6, p. 196) reduces this to *D. Tamparan*, Korth. Korthals however describes the fruit of that species as having accrescent calyx-lobes 13 inches long by 3 broad.

2. *DIPTEROCARPUS SCORTECHINII*, King, n. sp. A large tree: young branches rather stout, densely clothed, (as are the short cylindric buds, the petioles and racemes) with large tufts of coarse, brownish, shining hairs. *Leaves* coriaceous, elliptic-ovate, or sometimes elliptic-sub-ovate, sub-entire, abruptly and shortly acuminate, slightly narrowed to the rounded base; upper surface glabrous or glabrescent, the nerves sparsely stellate-pubescent, the midrib tomentose; under surface sparsely stellate-pubescent, the nerves (and especially the midrib) with long silky hairs intermixed: main nerves 16 to 18 pairs, straight, oblique, very prominent beneath: length 6 to 7·5 in., breadth 3 to 3·5 in., petiole 1 to 1·2 in. *Racemes* few-flowered, short. *Fruit* (? immature) ovoid, contracted under the mouth, glaucous, stellate-pubescent, ·75 in. long and ·5 in. in diam; accrescent calyx-lobes linear-oblong, reticulate, slightly narrowed in the lower half, the apex obtuse, obscurely 3-nerved (the middle nerve bold, the two lateral faint), 4 to 5 in. long and ·8 to 1 in. broad.

Perak; Scortechini, No. 1813.

This is closely allied to *D. crinitus*, Dyer, to which Scortechini doubtfully referred it. It differs from *D. crinitus* in its larger leaves and stellate-pubescent fruit. It has also a different time of flowering; for, as Scortechini remarks in his field notes, this is in immature fruit in the beginning of March, while *D. crinitus* does not come into flower until the end of April.

3. *DIPTEROCARPUS SKINNERI*, King, n. sp. A tall tree; young branches thin, deciduously tawny-pubescent. *Buds* cylindric, narrow, golden-sericeous. *Leaves* oblong-elliptic, narrowed in the upper half or third to the acute or shortly acuminate apex, slightly narrowed to the rounded base, upper surface glabrous or sparsely adpressed-pubescent, the midrib tomentose, the lower sparsely stellate-pubescent, the midrib and 16 to 19 pairs of straight oblique nerves adpressed-sericeous; nerves prominent on the lower, faint on the upper, surface when dry:

length 5 to 8 in., breadth 2·25 to 3 in.; petiole ·7 to ·9 in., tomentose. *Racemes* simple, short, 2- or 3-flowered, pubescent. *Flowers* 2·5 in. long. *Calyx* with narrowly campanulate tube, covered outside with minute, pale, stellate tomentum. *Petals* linear-oblong, blunt, more or less pubescent outside. *Fruit* (? immature) globular-ovoid, glabrous, ·65 in. in diam.: accrescent calyx-lobes glabrous, reticulate, linear, blunt, contracted at the very base, nearly 5 in. long and about ·75 in. broad.

Penang; at the back of West Hill, at an elevation of 1,000 feet. Curtis No. 1403.

A very distinct species known only by Mr. Curtis' scanty specimens. I have named it in honour of Mr. Skinner, Resident Councillor of Penang.

4. *DIPTEROCARPUS TURBINATUS*, Gaertn. f. *Fruct.* III. 51, t. 188. A tree 80 to 100 feet high: young shoots rather slender, at first minutely velvety, pale grey, afterwards glabrous: buds cylindric, softly pale pubescent. *Leaves* thinly coriaceous, elliptic or ovate-elliptic, acute or shortly acuminate, the base rounded or sub-cordate, the edges slightly undulate, sometimes sub-crenate; both surfaces glabrous, or the lower puberulous especially on the midrib and nerves: main nerves 12 to 18 pairs, straight, oblique, prominent on the lower surface; length 4·5 to 11 in., breadth 2·5 to 5·25 in.; petiole 1 to 1·5 in., glabrous or pubescent: stipules tawny-velvety in the lower part but pubescent towards the apex. *Racemes* 3- to 5-flowered. *Flowers* 1·25 to 1·5 in. long. *Calyx*-tube obconic, glabrous, smooth, not winged. *Petals* linear-oblong, obtuse, more or less canescent. *Fruit* ellipsoid-ovoid, tapering to each end when young: globular when ripe and ·75 in. in diam., with neither wings nor ridges; the two accrescent calyx-lobes glabrous, conspicuously reticulate, obscurely 3-nerved, oblong-lanceolate, obtuse, 4 to 4·5 in. long and 1·25 in. broad; the three small lobes of the calyx deltoid, very short. Roxb. *Hort. Beng.* 42; *Fl. Ind.* II. 612; *Corom. Plants* III. 10 t. 213. Ham. in *Mem. Wern. Soc.* VI. 300: *Wall Cat.* 952; *A. DC. Prod.* XVI. 2, 607; *W. and Arn. Prod.* 85; *Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind.* I, 295; *Journ. Bot.* 1874, p. 102 t. 143, fig. 13; *Kurz. For. Fl. Burm.* I. 114. *D. laevis*, Ham. l. c. 299.; *A. DC. l. c.* 607. *W. and A. Prod.* 85; *Kurz, l. c.* 114. ?*D. indicus*, Bedd. *Forest. Rep.* 1864-5, 17 cum tab.; *Flora Sylvat.* t. 94.

Assam, Cachar, Chittagong, Burmah, S. India.

VAR. andamanica: enlarged calyx-lobes linear-oblong, not oblanceolate, ·75 in. broad; leaves broadly ovate, sub-cuneate at the base.

South Andaman: common.

Following Dyer, I have included under this the plant named *D. laevis* by Buchanan Hamilton in the *Memoirs of the Wernerian Society*,

Vol. VI. p. 299. Hamilton distinguishes his species *D. laevis* by its flattened branchlets, and perfectly glabrous leaves and petioles, while *D. tuberculatus* Gaertn. has terete branches and pubescent leaves and petioles. The former (called *Dulia Garjan*, by the natives of Chittagong) yields, he says, no wood-oil; while the latter (called *Telia Garjan*) does. The materials before me do not enable me to differentiate the two as species. Moreover, specimens sent to me by Dr. E. Thurston, Reporter on Economic Products to the Government of India, (and which had been collected by the Forest Officer of Chittagong under the vernacular names *Dulia* and *Telia Garjan*) appear exactly alike. Careful investigation in the field may however prove that there is some better basis for Hamilton's view than the trifling differences which he has noted in the outline of the branchlets and the pubescence of the leaves. I am not at all satisfied that the Southern Indian tree named *D. indicus* by Beddome is rightly reduced here. Better Herbarium specimens than any which I have seen, and investigation in the field, are I think required to settle this point also.

5. DIPTEROCARPUS KERRII, King, n. sp. A tall tree; all parts, except the petals, glabrous; young branches thin, slightly flattened at the tips, not annular. *Buds* narrow, cylindric. *Leaves* coriaceous, ovate-elliptic, acute or very shortly and bluntly acuminate, the edges undulate, the base cuncate; main nerves 8 to 11 pairs, oblique, straight, bold and shining on the lower surface; length 3 to 4 in., breadth 2 to 2·5 in., petiole ·9 to 1·1 in. *Panicles* short, spreading, few-flowered. *Flowers* 1·5 in. long. *Oalyx-tube* glaucous. *Petals* linear-oblong, obtuse, more or less pubescent or tomentose towards their middle externally. *Fruit* turbinate, smooth, 1 to 1·15 in. in diam.; accrescent calyx-lobes linear-oblong, blunt, reticulate, 3-nerved, 4·5 to 5 in. long, and 1·25 to 1·5 in. broad; minor lobes very short, broad, rounded.

Malacca; Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 199, Griffith 727, Derry 1032. Pangkore; on Gunong Yunggal, Curtis No. 1561.

Mr. Curtis describes this as a very large tree yielding an oil. It resembles *D. Hasseltii*, Bl., but has much smaller leaves.

I have named this species in honour of Dr. Kerr, an enthusiastic Botanist much-interested in the Malayan Flora. Closely allied to this, and perhaps identical with it, is the tree represented by Mr. Curtis' specimen (Waterfall, Penang) No. 1653. The young wood of the latter is however paler than that of *D. Kerrii* from Pangkore and Malacca, and the leaves are puberulous, not glabrous, beneath. I have seen no flowers of it.

6. DIPTEROCARPUS CORNUTUS, Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 296. A tree 50 to 70 feet high: young branches stout, compressed, minutely

rufous-tomentose with a few scattered longer hairs. *Leaves* large, coriaceous, oblong, blunt at each end, the edges undulate or obscurely sinuato-crenate: upper surface glabrous, the midrib and nerves pale when dry: under surface densely covered with minute, pale, stellate tomentum: main nerves 16 to 20 pairs, prominent, spreading, straight, the transverse veins rather distinct: length 9 to 14 in., breadth 5 to 8 in., petiole 2 to 3 in.; stipules rufous-sericeous, the hairs fascicled. *Racemes* 7- or 8-flowered. *Flowers* 1·75 in long. *Calyx-tube* 5-winged, canescent, the short lobes very obtuse. *Petals* oblong or sub-spathulate, stellate-canescens. *Fruit* about 1 in. long, sub-globular, with 5 thick short wings in its upper half; enlarged calyx-lobes linear, obtuse, 5 or 6 in. long and 1·25 to 1·75 in. broad, shining, boldly 3-nerved, reticulate. Dyer in Journ. Bot. 1874, p. 103, t. 143. fig. 15. *Parinarium dilleniifolium*, R. Br. Wall. Cat. No. 7520. *Petrocarya dilleniifolia*, Steud. Nomencl. II, 309.

Singapore: Wallich. Malacca: Maingay (Kow Distrib.) No. 197. Penang: Curtis No. 1402. Perak: Wray, No. 4160.

It was Sir Joseph Hooker who first pointed out that the Wallichian plant No. 7520, issued as *Parinarium*, belongs really to this species.

7. *DIPTEROCARPUS FAGINEUS*, Vesque in Comptes-Rendus, tome 78, p. 626: Journ. Bot. for 1874, p. 149. A tree 40 to 80 feet high: young branches slender, at first minutely pulverulent tawny-pubescent, ultimately glabrescent or glabrous and dark-coloured, the buds cylindric. *Leaves* coriaceous, elliptic-ovate to elliptic-lanceolate, acute, the edges entire or sub-undulate-crenulate, the base cuncate, both surfaces puberulous especially on the midrib and nerves; main nerves 10 to 13 pairs, straight, oblique, prominent on the sub-glaucous lower surface; length 2·5 to 3·25 in., breadth 1·3 to 1·75. *Racemes* slender, 1- to 4-flowered. *Flowers* about 1·25 in. long. *Calyx-tube* campanulate, not constricted at the mouth, 5-angled. *Ripe fruit* ellipsoid, tapering more at the base than at the apex, 5-angled, glaucous, 1 in. long: accrescent calyx-lobes linear-oblong, obtuse, contracted at the base, 3-nerved, 2·5 to 3 in. long and about ·75 in. broad. *D. prismaticus*, Dyer Journ. Bot. 1874, pp. 104, 152. t. 144 fig. 17. *Dipterocarpus*, sp. Hook. fil. in Linn. Trans. XXIII, 161.

Perak: King's Collector No. 3527; Scortechini. Penang; Curtis No. 1401.

D. fagineus, Vesque, has been collected hitherto only in Borneo (Beccari No. 3008 and Motley No. 143,) and the leaves are described by Dyer as being papyraceous in texture and having about 8 pairs of lateral nerves. The leaves of the Perak tree which I now refer to this

species, are coriaceous and have 10 to 13 pairs of nerves. The Perak plant may therefore belong to a distinct, but closely allied, species. Curtis' Penang specimens (No. 1401) are quite glabrous in all parts except the petals.

8. *DIPTEROCARPUS OBLONGIFOLIUS*, Blume, Mus. Bot. Lugd. Bat. II, 36. A tall tree: young branches glabrous, dark-coloured, sparsely lenticellate; buds cylindric. *Leaves* coriaceous, oblong or elliptic-oblong, shortly and bluntly acuminate, the edges sub-undulate, the base cuneate; both surfaces shining, glabrous, the midrib and 13 to 16 pairs of straight bold nerves with a few stellate hairs along their sides: length 6 to 8 in., breadth 2 to 2.75 in., petiole .9 to 1.1 in. *Racemes* slightly supra-axillary, densely tawny-tomentose, bifurcating, each branch with 3 to 5 flowers and several linear membranous deciduous bracts. *Flowers* about 2.5 in. long. *Calyx-tube* fusiform, slightly contracted at the mouth, 1 in. long, boldly 5-angled, densely stellate tawny-tomentose as are the 3 minor calyx lobes; the 2 larger linear-oblong lobes sparsely stellate-pubescent, boldly 1-nerved and with 2 obscure lateral nerves. *Ripe fruit* unknown. Miq., Fl. Ind. Bat. I, pt. 2, p. 498; A.DC. Prod. XXI, 2, 614; Dyer in Journ. Bot. 1874, 105. *D. stenopterus*, Vesque, Comptes-Rendus, tome 78, p. 625; Journ. Bot. 1874, p. 150.

Perak, Scortechini. *DISTRIB.* Borneo, Sumatra.

Except as regards inflorescence, the Perak specimens of this are practically glabrous. In Bornean specimens, however, the young parts, buds and petioles are fusco-tomentose. (Dyer l. c.)

9. *DIPTEROCARPUS GRANDIFLORUS*, Blanco, Fl. Philipp. Ed. 2, 314. A tree 80 to 120 feet high: young branches rather stout, sub-compressed, at first hoary-puberulous, but finally quite glabrous, nearly black when dry; leaf-buds shortly ovoid, minutely pale-canescant. *Leaves* coriaceous, ovate-elliptic, shortly acuminate; the base broad, rounded or sub-truncate, sub-cordate; the edges entire or obscurely undulate-crenate, both surfaces glabrous; main nerves 14 to 16 pairs, spreading, rather straight, prominent on the lower, obsolete on the upper, surface; length 6 to 9 in., breadth 3.5 to 5 in.; petiole 2 to 3 in. long, glabrous. *Racemes* about 4-flowered. *Flowers* articulated to the rachis, 2 in. long. *Calyx-tube* 5-winged from base to apex. *Petals* linear-oblong. *Fruit* oblong, 2.5 in. long, wings stout, .5 in. or more in width; the 2 accrescent lobes of the calyx oblong, obtuse, glabrous, reticulate, 3-nerved, the mesial nerve the longest and most distinct, 7 to 9 in. long and 1.5 to 2 in. broad, the smaller calyx lobes sub-orbicular. A.DC. Prod. XVI., 2 p. 612; Dyer in Journ. Bot. 1874, p. 106, t. 145, fig 19; Burek in Ann. du Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg, vol 6, 201. *D. Blancoi*, Bl., Mus. Lugd. Bat. II.

35. *D. Molleyanus*, Hook. fil. in Trans. Linn. Soc. XXIII. 159. A.DC. in DC. Prod. XVI., pt. 2, 611. *D. pterygocalyx*, Scheff. Obs. Phyt. II. 35; Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 298. *Mocanera grandiflora*, Blanco, Fl. Philipp. Ed. I, 451. *Anisoptera*? Turcz. in Bull. Soc. Nat. Mosc. 1858, I, 233.

Malacca: Maingny (Kew Distrib.) No. 198. Penang: Curtis 424. Perak: Scortechini 152 b. DISTRIB. Bangka, Teysmann. (?) Philippines.

The late Father Scortechini's field notes contain the following account of the flower: "The petals of this are red inside in the middle, but pale towards the margins; the stamens are numerous, 2-seriate, united in a ring by their enlarged bases, falling off together: staminodes many, short, adpressed to the ovary. Ovary pubescent, scaly towards the base. Fruiting-calyx reddish." The species comes near *D. Griffithii*: but is distinguished from it by the characters which I have noted under that species. Flowers of *D. Griffithii* are, however, wanting for comparison.

10. *DIPTEROCARPUS KUNSTLERI*, King, n. sp. A tree 80 to 120 feet high; young branches flattened, at first sparsely covered with minute scurfy deciduous pubescence, ultimately glabrous, but always with oblique tawny-tomentose annuli. Buds narrowly cylindric, hoary-canescenscent. Leaves elliptic or sub-rotund-elliptic, very shortly acuminate, the base rounded or sub-cuneate, the edges undulate or sub-crenate, both surfaces glabrous: main nerves 16 to 18 pairs, oblique, straight, prominent on the lower surface: length 7·5 to 11 in., breadth 4·5 to 7 in., petiole 1·5 to 2 in. Racemes 6 to 8 in. long, often bifid, 4- to 6-flowered, glabrous. Flowers 2·5 to 3 in. long, glaucous. Calyx-tube narrowly obconic, 5-winged, glaucous. Petals linear, obtuse, glaucous. Fruit sub-globular, an inch or more long, with 5 wings about 25 in. wide: accrescent calyx-lobes oblong, obtuse, slightly narrowed towards the base, glabrous, reticulate, 3-nerved, 6 or 7 in. long and about 1·25 in. broad.

Perak: King's Collector, Nos. 3638, 3798, 7508 and 7606.

Allied to *D. grandiflorus*; but with larger leaves, smaller fruit and different buds. Allied also to *D. Griffithii* but with smaller fruit and different buds. This species has leaves like *D. trinervis* Bl. and *D. retusus* Bl., but differs from these in having winged fruit: it also resembles *D. Dyeri*, Pierre, which, however, has longer leaves with hairy petioles and more narrowly winged fruit.

11. *DIPTEROCARPUS GRIFFITHII*, Miq. Ann. Mus. Lugd. Bat. I, 213. A tree 100 to 125 feet high: young branches stout, sub-compressed, minutely tawny-canescenscent; the leaf buds ovoid, densely covered with

yellowish-brown shining hair. *Leaves* coriaceous, broadly ovate, usually slightly narrowed to the rounded base, but sometimes the base truncate-sub-cordate, the apex acute or shortly acuminate, both surfaces glabrous, the upper shining; main nerves 12 to 14 pairs, spreading, straight, slightly prominent on the lower surface: length 5 to 11 in., breadth 3 to 5·5 in., petiole 2·25 to 3·5 in. *Racemes* 3- or 4-flowered. *Flowers* 1·5 in. long. *Calyx* ob-conic, sub-glabrous, 5-winged. *Fruit* oblong, 2·5 in. long, the wings extending from base to apex, stout, ·5 in. or more broad: accrescent lobes of calyx oblong, obtuse, glabrous, reticulate, boldly 3-nerved, 5 to 7 in. long and about 1·75 in. broad. A. DC. in DC. Prod. XVI, Pt. 2, 611; Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 299; Journ. Bot. 1874, 107. Kurz For. Flora Burm. I, 116. *D. grandiflorus* Griff. Notul. IV, 515 (not of Blanco).

S. Andaman: Kurz, King's Collector.

This closely resembles *D. grandiflorus*, Blanco, but the two may be readily distinguished by their young branches and leaf-buds. The young branches of this species are pale canescent and its leaf-buds broad and golden sericeous; while the branchlets of *D. grandiflorus* are quite glabrous and dark-coloured and the buds are narrow and pale canescent.

12. *DIPTEROCARPUS INCANUS*, Roxb. Hort. Beng. 42; Fl. Ind. II, 614. A tall tree: young shoots terete, stout, densely but minutely tawny-tomentose; the buds short, ovoid, thick, with longer tomentum than the branchlets. *Leaves* coriaceous, broadly ovate, acute or sub-acute, the base rounded or sub-cordate, the edges undulate; upper surface glabrous, the midrib alone slightly pubescent: under surface uniformly pale, shortly but softly stellate-pubescent, the midrib and nerves tomentose. main nerves 12 to 15 pairs, oblique, straight, prominent on the lower surface; length 5 to 8 in., breadth 2·5 to 4·75 in.; petiole ·8 to 1·25 in., pubescent. *Flowers* about 1 in. long, usually in racemes but occasionally in short 7- or 8-flowered panicles. *Calyx-tube* ob-conic, 5-winged, minutely tomentose. *Petals* oblong, obtuse. *Fruit* sub-globose, about 1 in. in diam., 5-winged from base to apex; the wings thin, from ·25 to ·5 in. broad; the 2 accrescent lobes of the calyx narrowly oblong, obtuse, glabrous, much reticulate, 3-nerved in the lower half, when mature 5·5 in. long and nearly 1·5 in. broad; the 3 minor lobes sub-orbicular. Wight & Arn. Prod. 84; A. DC. Prod. XVI, 2, 611; Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 298; Journ. Bot. 1874, p. 106.

S. Andaman: common. *DISTRIB.* Burmah, Kurz, Herb. No. 2109 (in part).

The plant here described under the name *D. incanus* closely re-

sembles *D. alatus*, Roxb.; but its flowers are shorter, the leaves are more broadly ovate, and have rounded or cordate, not cuneate, bases, while the pubescence of the lower surface is paler and more uniform and the young branchlets and leaf-buds are stouter. Moreover the accrescent lobes of the calyx are longer and nearly twice as broad: the 5 wings of the calyx-tube are also broader. Roxburgh's description of his species *D. incanus* is very brief; he left no drawing of it at Calcutta; and no authentic specimens of his own naming appear to exist. It is therefore impossible to decide with absolute certainty what Roxburgh's *D. incanus* is. At Kew Mr. Dyer accepts Kurz's Pegu specimen No. 2109 as belonging to it, and the specimens recently brought from the S. Andaman by my collectors agree with that number of Kurz's.

13. DIPTEROCARPUS ALATUS, Roxb. Hort. Beng. 42; Fl. Ind. II 614. A tree 80 to 125 feet high: young branches terete, rather stout, softly and minutely pubescent; the buds narrow, rufous-sericeous. *Leaves* coriaceous, ovate-elliptic, the apex acute, the base cuneate, the edges undulate: upper surface glabrous except the minutely tomentose nerves and midrib: lower sparsely and minutely stellate-pubescent, the 10 to 14 pairs of oblique rather straight prominent main nerves densely tomentose; length 5 to 8 in., breadth 2·75 to 4·5 in.; petiole 1 to 1·5 in., pubescent: stipules sericeous-pubescent. *Panicles* 6- or 7-flowered. *Flowers* about 1·5 in. long. *Calyx-tube* ob-conic, 5-winged, stellate-pubescent, as are the linear-oblong petals. *Fruit* globose, 1 in. in diam., puberulous, 5-winged from base to apex; the wings glabrous, thin and about ·5 in broad; the 2 accrescent lobes of the calyx linear-oblong, obtuse, glabrous, much reticulate, 3-nerved in the lower half, 4·5 in. long and ·7 or ·8 in. broad: the 3 unenlarged lobes obtuse. Wall. Cat. 953: A. DC. Prod. XVI. 2, 611 *in part*: Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 298; Journ. Bot, 1874, p. 106 (excl. syn. *D. costatus*, Gaertn.) Kurz For. Flora Burm. I. 116; Pierre Flore Forest. Coch-Chine, t. 212. *Oleoxylon balsamiferum* Wall. Cat. p. 157.

Burmah: Wallich, Brandis, Helfer No. 730, Kurz. Andamans?

Gaertner's figure and description of his *D. costatus* are confined to the fruit only. The former is that of a *Dipterocarpus* with the elongated calyx-lobes of *D. alatus*, Roxb., but with the 5 wings on the tube of the calyx very narrow, whereas those of Roxburgh's *D. alatus* are very broad. Dyer (F. B. I. i, 298) expresses his belief that Gaertner's figure is a bad representation of *D. alatus*, Roxb., and he reduces Gaertner's *D. costatus* to Roxburgh's *D. alatus*. M. De Candolle, on the other hand, retains *D. costatus*, Gaertn. as a good species and in this he is followed by Kurz; but Messrs. Dyer and De Candolle agree

that the *D. costatus* described by Roxburgh is a different plant from Gaertner's. For Mr. Dyer it is still a doubtful species; while M. De Candolle reduces it to *D. angustifolius* W. & A., which for Dyer is in its turn a doubtful species. A careful examination of the material now collected at Calcutta and at Kew leads me to believe that *D. costatus*, Gaertn., is a perfectly good species, and that the best character to distinguish it from Roxburgh's *D. alatus* is the narrowness of the wings of the calyx-tube. Specimens collected in Burmah by Kurz (No. 113 of his Herbm.) and by Brandis, have fruits exactly like that figured by Gaertner. Moreover I see no reason for thinking that the tree described by Roxburgh (Fl. Ind. II; 614) as *D. costatus*, Gaertn., is anything else than Gaertner's plant. Mr. Dyer (Journ. Bot. 1874, p. 153) expresses the opinion that *D. Lemeslei*, Vesque—a species collected on the island of Pulo Condor off the Cambodian coast—is reducible to *D. alatus*, Roxb.

It is very doubtful whether *D. alatus*, Roxb., occurs in the Andamans. I have seen no specimens of it from these islands, and I give it as an Andaman plant on the authority of the "Flora of British India."

Besides the preceding, there are various other species of *Dipterocarpus* in the Calcutta Herbarium from localities within the British Malayan region which, for want of sufficient materials, I am unable to describe. Chief amongst these are :—

- (1) Curtis No. 1560 from Penang, a species with winged calyx-tube.
- (2) A species from Perak, represented in Scortechini's collection (without number) by fruits resembling those of *D. Lowii* H., f., *D. intricatus*, Dyer, and *D. lamellatus*, Hook. fil.
- (3) A species from the Andamans with leaves resembling those of *D. Griffithii*, Miq., but with globular fruit which has neither angles nor wings on the calyx-tube. This possibly may be a form of *D. pilosus*, Roxb.
- (4) A Perak species (Herb. Scortechini mixed with No. 1478) represented by fruits something like those of *D. fagineus*, Vesque, but with the calyx-tube winged, not angled.
- (5) A Perak species represented by leaf-twigs and loose fruit of a species resembling both *D. fagineus*, Vesque, and *D. gracilis*, Bl., but differing from both.
- (6) A species from Perak (Wray No. 4031) having leaves like *D. Griffithii*, Miq., but with shorter petioles, and having also fruit rather like *D. Griffithii*, but the calyx-tube with narrower wings, and the minor calyx-lobes smaller.

2. ANISOPTERA, Korth.

Resinous trees. *Leaves* coriaceous, entire, feather-veined and finely reticulate; stipules small, fugacious or inconspicuous. *Flowers* in lax terminal panicles. *Calyx-tube* very short, adnate to the base of the ovary; the segments imbricate, then subvalvate. *Stamens* ∞ ; anthers ovoid with a long subulate connective, outer valves larger. *Ovary* 3- (rarely 4- 5-) celled; style fleshy, ovoid or oblong, with an attenuate 3-5-fid apex; ovules 2 in each cell. *Fruit* adnate to the calyx-tube, indehiscent, 1-seeded, crowned by the accrescent calyx-segments, of which 2 form linear-oblong lobes. *Cotyledons* fleshy, unequal; radicle superior. —DISTRIB. Malay Peninsula and Archipelago to New Guinea. *Species* about 6.

1. ANISOPTERA CURTISII, Dyer MSS. A tree 80 to 120 feet high: young branches slender, minutely scurfy-tomentose. *Leaves* oblong, tapering to both ends, the apex sub-acute or acute, the base narrowed but rounded; the upper surface glabrous, shining, the lower densely ochraceous-lepidote and sparsely stellate-pubescent; main nerves 18 to 20 pairs, spreading: length 2 to 3·5 in., breadth ·75 to 1·25 in., petiole ·5 to ·75 in. Accrescent calyx-lobes 3·5 to 4·5 in. long, linear-spathulate, shining, 3-nerved: the transverse veins bold and numerous.

Penang: Curtis. Perak: King's Collectors.

Var. latifolia: leaves broadly elliptic, blunt, the bases rounded but narrowed.

Penang: Curtis, No. 1400.

The vernacular name of this in Penang is *Ringkong*.

3. VATICA, Linn.

Large or moderately sized resinous trees. *Leaves* coriaceous, entire, feather-veined and finely reticulate; stipules small, fugacious or inconspicuous. *Flowers* in axillary and terminal panicles, usually tomentose before expansion. *Calyx-tube* short, free, or adnate to the base of the ovary; segments somewhat acute, imbricate, then sub-valvate. *Stamens* 15; anthers oblong, external valves larger, connective apiculate. *Ovary* 3-celled; style short, subulate, or apex clavate or capitate; stigma entire or 3-toothed; ovules 2 in each cell. *Fruit* leathery, indehiscent, 1-seeded, surrounded by and sometimes partly adnate to the accrescent, membranous, nerved and reticulate calyx-lobes, two of which expand into narrow wings 2 or 3 in. long, the other three being much smaller. *Cotyledons* fleshy.

DISTRIB. Tropical Asia and chiefly Malaya; species about 10.

Synaptea is a genus established by Griffith (Notulæ IV., 516, Tab. 585 A, fig V.) for a tree collected at Mergui, and named by him *Synap-*

tea odorata. This plant has been named *Synaptea grandiflora* by Kurz, (Journ. A.S., Beng., 1870, 2, 65), and *Anisoptera odorata* Kurz, (For. Flor. Burm. I, 112), while Dyer has identified it with *Hopea grandiflora*, Wall, Cat. 958, and reduced it to *Vatica grandiflora* (F.B.I., i., 301).

The characters of the genus *Synaptea*, as given by its author, are practically those of *Vatica*, Linnæus (Mantissa II., p. 152-3, No. 1311), except that, whereas in the Linnæan description nothing is said about the fruit or its relation to the calyx, Griffith distinctly explains that he has given the name *Synaptea* because the ovary is adnate to the calyx. He does not say to what extent adnate, but, in fruiting specimens of his *Synaptea odorata*, the adhesion extends to the lower part only. In the "Mantissa" of Linnæus, only one species of *Vatica* is described, viz., *V. chinensis*; and of the specimen thus named in the Linnæan Herbarium, Sir J. G. Smith publishes a figure (Smith Ic., ined., t. 36.). This figure however does not show clearly whether the base of the ovary is, or is not, adherent to the calyx, and the fruit is not figured at all. A reference to Linnæus' specimen ought to settle what *V. chinensis* really is; but unfortunately it has not settled it. I have not myself examined the actual Linnæan specimen; but the opinions of botanists who have examined it vary as to its identity. The plant is generally admitted not to be of Chinese origin, for no Dipterocarp is known to inhabit China. Wight and Arnot are of opinion (Prod. 84) that *Vatica chinensis* is the same as *Vatica laccifera*, W. A. (*Shorea Talura*, Roxb.—*fide* Dyer). Alph. De Candolle (Prod. XVI., 2, p. 619) keeps up the species *V. chinensis*, while Dyer (Fl. Br. Ind., I, 302) reduces it to *Vatica Roxburghiana*, Blume (Mus. Bot. Lugd. Bat. II, 31. t. 7.), Blume's *Vatica Roxburghiana*, being, as the citations and figure given by that author show, the *Vateria Roxburghiana* of Wight's Illustrations, p. 87, and Icones t. 26. It cannot be demonstrated, therefore, either from Linnæus' description or specimen, or from Smith's figure of the latter, whether Linnæus intended his genus *Vatica* to include only plants with the ovary and fruit free from the calyx, or whether plants in which there is such partial adhesion might not also be admitted. If the latter were the case there would be no occasion to keep up the genus *Synaptea*. This is the view adopted by Messrs. Hooker and Bentham, who remark of *Synaptea*, "*ex descriptione auctoris verisimiliter ad Vaticam referenda est.*" This view is also adopted by Dyer, in "Hooker's Flora of British India," where he reduces *Synaptea odorata*, Griff., to the genus *Vatica*, Section *Eu-Vatica*. This view is also to a certain extent adopted by Burck who (Ann. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg) makes *Synaptea* a section of *Vatica*, characterised by having the lobes of the fruiting

calyx unequally accrescent, two of them being much elongate, and *the fruit being partly inferior*; while the section *Eu-Vatica*, as proposed by Benthams and Hooker originally, and adopted by Burek, is characterised by having the same fruiting calyx as *Synaptea*; nothing being said about the adhesion between the calyx and the fruit. Pierre, on the other hand, keeps up *Synaptea* as a genus on account of the presence of albumen and the structure of the embryo (characters not easily worked in herbarium specimens of this family). In my own opinion it appears advisable to admit *Synaptea* as a section of *Vatica*, but to exclude *Isauris*, *Retinodendron*, and *Pachynocarpus*, retaining these as distinct genera. *Vatica* would, according to this scheme, be divided into two sections:—

I. *Eu-Vatica*:—Fruit free from the accrescent calyx, *i.e.*, fruit superior.

II. *Synaptea*:—Fruit adnate in its lower part to the accrescent calyx, *i.e.*, fruit half inferior.

Sect. I. EU-VATICA.—Fruit quite free from the calyx.

Inflorescence and ripe fruit pale tomentose;

flowers .4 in. long 1. *V. perakensis*.

Inflorescence and ripe fruit rusty-tomentose.

Flowers .25 in. long; nerves of leaves 13
to 15 pairs; petioles .3 to .4 in. long ... 2. *V. Lowii*.

Flowers .45 in. long; nerves of leaves 9
to 12 pairs; petioles .6 to 1.5 in. long... 3. *V. Maingayi*.

Sect. II. SYNAPTEA.—Calyx-wings adherent to the
ripe fruit for nearly half its length.

Leaves 9 to 10 in. long and with 18 to 20 pairs
of nerves 4. *V. nitida*.

Leaves 2.5 to 7 in. long, with 6 to 13 pairs
of nerves.

Larger lobes of calyx of fruit obovate and
very blunt.

Leaves with 6 to 8 pairs of faint
nerves 5. *V. cinerea*.

Leaves with 11 to 13 pairs of bold
nerves 6. *V. Curtisii*.

Larger lobes of calyx narrowly oblong.

Leaves oblong or elliptic-oblong,
with 9 to 11 pairs of nerves;
petals narrowly oblong ... 7. *V. faginea*.

Leaves broadly elliptic, with 11 to 13
pairs of nerves; petals broadly
elliptic 8. *V. Dyeri*.

Leaves 2·5 to 3·5 in. long, with about 7 or 8 pairs of faint, main nerves, minutely reticulate. 9. *V. reticulata*.

1. *VATICA PERAKENSIS*, King, n. sp. A tree 60 to 80 feet high; young branches slender, deciduously scurfily stellate-pubescent, the bark rather pale. *Leaves* thinly coriaceous, oblong-lanceolate, rarely oblanceolate, more or less bluntly acuminate, sometimes caudate, the base cuneate; both surfaces glabrous, the midrib on the upper puberulous; main nerves 10 to 12 pairs, rather prominent beneath; length 2·5 to 4 in., breadth ·8 to 1·3 in., petiole ·4 to ·5 in. *Panicles* axillary and extra-axillary, crowded near the ends of the branches, 1 to 2 in. long, minutely pale tomentose, as are the ovate-lanceolate calyx-lobes. *Flowers* ·4 in. long. *Petals* narrowly oblong, obtuse, glabrous. *Stamens* slightly apiculate. *Ovary* minutely tomentose; stigma conical. *Ripe fruit* ·3 in. in diam., globose, the style persistent, minutely tomentose, quite free from the calyx; the two accrescent calyx-lobes oblong-ob-lanceolate, obtuse, obscurely 5-nerved, 2·5 in. long and ·5 in. broad; minor lobes unequal, lanceolate-acuminate, the largest about ·85 in long.

Perak: King's Collector, Wray; a common tree. Pangkore: Curtis.

The nearest ally of this is *Valica Bantamensis*, Benth. and Hook.; but that has rather larger and more coriaceous leaves, which are perfectly glabrous; larger flowers with petals scaly externally and a more scurfy inflorescence; moreover the whole of the accrescent calyx-lobes of its fruit are more coriaceous and the minor lobes are blunter.

2. *VATICA LOWII*, King, n. sp. A tree 60 to 80 feet high: young branches, petioles, inflorescence and calyx densely rusty, scurfy-tomentose with stellate hair intermixed, the branches ultimately glabrous and with dark bark. *Leaves* coriaceous, oblong, sub-acute, the base rounded; both surfaces glabrous, the midrib puberulous on the upper; main nerves 13 to 15 pairs, spreading, slightly prominent beneath; length 2·5 to 3·5 in., breadth 1 to 1·5 in., petiole ·3 to ·4 in. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, much crowded towards the ends of the branches; ·75 to 1·5 in. long. *Flowers* ·25 in. long. *Calyx-lobes* lanceolate, acuminate, obliquo. *Petals* narrowly oblong, obtuse, almost glabrous. *Stamens* short, unequal-sided, apiculate. *Ovary* depressed, tomentose, style capitate. *Ripe fruit* globular, ·25 in. in diam, deciduously rufous-scurfy; the style persistent, quite free from the calyx. Two large calyx-wings narrowly oblong, sub-acute, scarcely narrowed at the base, 5-nerved, 2·75 to 3 in. long, and ·6 in. broad; the three smaller lobes sub-equal, about ·5 or ·6 in. long, lanceolate, obtuse.

Perak: Scortechini, No. 2108; King's Collector, No. 7496.

This species is closely allied to *V. Maingayi*, Dyer; but has smaller flowers, and rather larger leaves with considerably longer petioles.

3. *VATICA MAINGAYI*, Dyer, in Hook. fil., Fl., Br., Ind. I, 302. A tall tree: young branches slender, ultimately glabrous, but at first rusty furfuraceous-tomentose, as are the inflorescence, calyx and ripe fruit. *Leaves* coriaceous, oblong or obovate-oblong, shortly acuminate, the base rounded, glabrous on both surfaces; main nerves 9 to 12 pairs, slender, curving, spreading; length 3 to 4.5 in., breadth 1 to 1.75 in., petiole .6 to 1.5 in. *Panicles* short, few-flowered. *Flowers* .45 in. long. *Calyx-segments* oblong-lanceolate. *Ovary* depressed, rufous-tomentose. *Ripe fruit* globose, .25 in. in diam., the style persistent, rufous-tomentose; free from the calyx; the two large wings linear-oblong, sub-acute, not contracted at the base, 5-nerved (the lateral nerves faint) 2 in. long and .35 to .5 in. broad; the 3 smaller lobes ovate, sub-acuminate, .75 in. long, all glabrous.

Malacca: Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 209.

Of this I have seen only Maingay's specimens, which are not good.

4. *VATICA NITENS*, King, n. sp. A tree 40 to 50 feet high: young branches and petioles densely covered with coarse deciduous scaly stellate tomentum, ultimately cinereous. *Leaves* coriaceous, narrowly oblong, acuminate, slightly narrowed to the rounded base; both surfaces, but especially the upper, shining, glabrous, the base on the lower sparsely scaly-tomentose when young, finely reticulate; main nerves 18 to 20 pairs, spreading, prominent on the lower surface: length 9 to 10 in., breadth 2 in.; petiole .5 in., stout. *Ripe fruit* globular, crowned by the persistent style, reticulate, .5 in. in diam., adnate for half its length to the calyx; the two large wings of the calyx oblong, slightly ob-lanceolate, obtuse, 3 in. long and .8 to .9 in. broad, the 3 shorter wings ovate-acuminate, .8 in. long; all boldly 5-nerved and shining.

Penang: Curtis, No. 1404.

This fine species is known only by Mr. Curtis' imperfect specimens. It is very distinct, being at once recognisable amongst the Indian species of *Vatica* by the size of its leaves and calyx-wings.

5. *VATICA CINEREA*, King, n. sp. A tree about 40 feet high: young branches rufescent-puberulous at the very tips, otherwise glabrous and cinereous. *Leaves* thinly coriaceous, ovate-oblong to ovate-lanceolate, sub-acute, the base rounded or sub-cuneate; both surfaces glabrous, finely reticulate when dry; main nerves 6 to 8 pairs, spreading, faint; length 2.25 to 3.5 in., breadth .75 to 1.5 in., petiole .3 to .5 in. *Panicles* mostly axillary, spreading, rusty scurfy-tomentose, 1.25 to 2 in. long. *Flowers* .45 in. long. *Calyx-lobes* sub-equal, lanceolate, sub-acute, tomentose on both surfaces. *Petals* oblong-lanceolate, sub-acute, the half of the outer surface which is outside in aestivation pubescent, other-

wise glabrous. *Stamens* obtusely apiculate. *Ovary* depressed, minutely tomentose; stigma capitate. *Fruit* (not quite ripe) globular, umbonate, attached for half its length to the calyx. The two larger calyx-wings ob-lanceolate-oblong, obtuse or sub-acute, 5-nerved, flocculent-puberulous near the base when young, ultimately glabrous, 2 in. long and .5 in. wide; the 3 smaller wings lanceolate, obtuse, .5 in. long.

Langani: Curtis, Nos. 2797 and 2798. Kedah: Curtis, Nos. 2096 and 2514.

When dried, the leaves of this are of a dull gray colour—hence the specific name. Its fruit resembles that of the next species, but the leaves have fewer and less prominent nerves.

6. *VATICA CURTISII*, King, n. sp. A tree about 40 feet high: young branches, petioles, inflorescence and calyx brownish scurfy-pubescent, ultimately glabrous. *Leaves* ovate-oblong, sub-acute, the base rounded, both surfaces quite glabrous, reticulate; main nerves 11 to 13 pairs, oblique, rather prominent beneath; length 3 to 5 in., breadth 1.3 to 2.5 in., petiole .3 to .45 in. *Racemes* axillary, few-flowered, 1 to 1.25 in. long. *Flowers* .35 in. long. *Calyx-lobes* unequal, the 2 longer narrowly oblong, obtuse; the 3 shorter lanceolate-acuminate. *Petals* elliptic, slightly oblique, blunt, glabrous except the pubescent edge which is external in the bud. *Ripe fruit* globular, .3 in. in diam., adherent to the calyx for half its length, the larger calyx-lobes oblong-obovate, usually obtuse, rarely sub-acute, 5-nerved, 1.75 to 2 in. long, and .7 in. broad; the smaller wings about .4 in. long.

Penang: Curtis, No. 1579.

7. *VATICA FAGINEA*, Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind., I., 301. A tree 80 to 100 feet high: young branches slender, minutely cinereous stellate-tomentose as is the inflorescence. *Leaves* coriaceous, oblong or elliptic-oblong, finely reticulate, glabrous; main nerves 9 to 11 pairs, spreading, curving, thin but prominent when dry; length 4 to 5 in., breadth 1.5 to 2 in. *Panicles* 2.5 in. long; flowers .5 in. long. *Calyx-tube* ribbed, minutely scurfy tomentose, the lobes unequal. *Petals* narrowly oblong, blunt, glabrous except the pubescent outside edge. *Ovary* hemispheric, minutely tomentose; stigma capitate, lobed. *Ripe fruit* globular, adherent for half its length to the calyx, about .25 in. in diam., the style persistent; the 2 larger calyx-wings narrowly oblong, or oblong-ob-lanceolate, obtuse, obscurely 5-nerved, 2 to 2.5 in. long, and .5 to .7 in. broad near the apex; the three smaller wings unequal, sub-spathulate, less than .5 in. long. *Hopea faginea*, Wall. Cat. 963 *Shorea pinangiana*, Wall., Cat. p. 157. *Synaptea faginea*, Pierre, For. Flore Coch.-Chine, t. 242.

Penang: Wallich. Perak: King's Collector, Nos. 3686 and 3765.

8. *VATICA DYERI*, King, n. sp. A tree 80 to 130 feet high: young branches, panicles, and calyx on both surfaces densely rufous-flocculent-tomentose, with stellate hairs intermixed, the branches ultimately glabrous and their bark pale. *Leaves* membranous, usually broadly elliptic, rarely elliptic-oblong, sub-acute or very shortly and bluntly acuminate, the base rounded, both surfaces quite glabrous, finely reticulate: main nerves 11 to 13 pairs, spreading, rather prominent beneath: length 3·5 to 7 in., breadth 1·6 to 3 in.; petiole ·35 to ·5 in., flocculent-tomentose. *Panicles* axillary or terminal, cymose, 1·5 to 3 in. long. *Flowers* ·4 in. long. *Calyx lobes* unequal, the two larger oblong and obtuse; the three smaller lanceolate, acuminate. *Petals* broadly elliptic, very obtuse, slightly narrowed to the truncate base, much larger than the calyx-lobes, glabrous, except one of the outside edges which is adpressed-pubescent. *Stamens* short, unequal-sided, bluntly apiculate. *Ovary* depressed-pubescent, the stigma capitate. *Ripe fruit* conical, the two large accrescent calyx-wings narrowly oblanceolate-oblong, blunt, 5-nerved, 1·25 in. long and ·25 in. broad; the three smaller wings one-fourth of the size of the larger, lanceolate, obscurely 5-nerved. *Synaptea Dyeri*, Pierre Fl. Forest. Coch-Chine, t. 241.

Perak: King's Collector, No. 7662. *DISTRIB.*, Cambodia, Lower Cochin-China, Pierre.

The Perak specimens are not in fruit: but in flowers and leaves they agree with Pierre's specimens from Cambodia and Cochin-China.

9. *VATICA RETICULATA*, King, n. sp. A tree 60 to 80 feet high: all parts except the inflorescence glabrous; young branches slender, dark-coloured. *Leaves* coriaceous, oblong to ovate-lanceolate, tapering from the middle to each end; the apex bluntly acuminate, the base very cuneate and slightly unequal-sided, the edges sub-undulate; both surfaces finely reticulate when dry, the lower paler; main nerves 8 or 9 pairs, little more prominent than the secondary; length 2·5 to 3·5 in., breadth 1 to 1·25 in., petiole ·4 in. *Panicles* axillary or terminal, puberulous, 2·5 to 3·5 in. long, lax, few-flowered. *Flowers* on long pedicels. *Calyx-lobes* unequal, lanceolate, more or less obtuse, densely pubescent on both surfaces. *Ovary* hemispherical, ridged, densely tomentose; style short, glabrous; stigma minute. *Young fruit* sub-globular; fruiting calyx with 2 accrescent linear-oblong wings, the other smaller; all attached to the lower part of the fruit.

Perak: King's Collector, No. 6969.

The only specimens which I have seen of this are without corolla, stamens, or ripe fruit. The species is, however, a very distinct one, and it is an unmistakeable *Vatica*. I have therefore ventured to name it in spite of the imperfection of the material.

4. PENTACME, A. DC.

Glabrous or puberulous resinous trees. *Leaves* broad, entire, penninerved, with obtuse or cordate bases. *Flowers* large, panicled. *Calyx-tube* short, the lobes imbricate, 2 being quite external. *Stamens* 15, the filaments short, dilated; anthers much larger than the filaments, elongate, linear; the valves 4, sub-equal, each subulate at its apex, the connective also prolonged into a stiff deflexed arm as long as the appendages of the anther-valves. *Ovary* free; the style filiform, the stigma slightly lobed. *Fruit* enclosed within the imbricate calyx-lobes, of which two or more have elongated membranous reticulate many-nerved wings. *Species* 3,—Burmese, Siamese, and Malayan.

1. PENTACME MALAYANA, King, n. sp. A tree 40 to 50 feet high: young branches rather stout, dark-coloured, glabrous. *Leaves* subcoriaceous, rotund-ovate to broadly elliptic, the apex shortly and bluntly acuminate, the base rounded or slightly emarginate; both surfaces glabrous, pale when dry; main nerves 15 to 18 pairs, spreading, prominent on both surfaces; length 5 to 7 in., breadth 2·75 to 4·5 in., petiole ·75 to 1·1 in. *Panicles* axillary, lax, few-flowered, 2·5 to 5 in. long. *Flowers* ·75 in. long and about as much in diameter when open, pedicelled. *Calyx-lobes* more or less broadly ovate, acuminate, minutely tomentose outside. *Petals* three times as long as the calyx, elliptic, spreading, puberulous on one-half outside, and glabrous on the other, quite glabrous inside. *Stamens* 15, equal, erect, the filaments short and broad; the anthers elongate, narrow, with 5 apical awns, one of which is deflexed and rather shorter and thicker than the other four. *Ovary* ovoid, sub-glabrous, much shorter than the filiform style: stigma minute. *Ripe fruit* ovate, apiculate, 1 in. long, glabrous; calyx-wings all enlarged and reticulate except at the base; the three outer narrowly oblong, obtuse, and narrowed to the concave base, 9-nerved, 4 to 4·5 in. long, and ·65 to ·75 in. broad; the two inner lobes much narrower and fewer-nerved, about 2·5 in. long, or even shorter.

Langkani: Curtis, No. 2095.

The petals of this species are spreading, and the flower has quite an unusual *facies* for the order. It is at once distinguished by its curiously 5-awned anthers. Four of these awns are the produced apices of the anther cells, the fifth (the thicker and deflected one) is a prolongation from the connective.

5. SHOREA, Roxb.

Glabrous, mealy, or pubescent resinous trees. *Leaves* entire or sub-répand, pinnate-veined; stipules large, coriaceous and persistent, or minute and fugacious. *Flowers* in axillary or terminal, lax, cymose

panicles; bracts persistent, caducous, or 0. *Sepals* ovate or lanceolate, imbricate, 3 being external and 2 internal. *Stamens* 15 or 20, or 30; anthers ovate or oblong, rarely linear; connective subulate-cuspidate, rarely inappendiculate; valves obtuse, rarely cuspidate, equal, or the outer slightly larger. *Ovary* 3-celled, cells 2-ovuled; style subulate, stigma entire or 3-toothed. *Fruit* with leathery, rarely with woody, pericarp, 1-celled, 1-seeded, closely surrounded by the bases of the persistent, usually accrescent, sepals, the 3 outer, or more rarely, all, and sometimes none, of which are developed into 7- to 10-veined reticulate membranous linear-oblong wings. *Cotyledons* fleshy, unequal, usually enclosing the superior radicle. **DISTRIB**—Tropical Asia and chiefly the Malayan Archipelago: species about 60.

Sect. I. EU.-SHOREA. Fruit little more than ½ in. long, its pericarp leathery: three of the persistent sepals developed into membranous wings many times longer than the fruit.

Anthers without apical appendages.

Lower surface of adult leaves minutely stellate-tomentose, not scaberulous ... 1. *S. leprosula*.

Lower surface of adult leaves glabrescent, the axils of the nerves scaly ... 2. *S. scutulata*.

Lower surface of adult leaves quite glabrous, of young leaves glaucous ... 3. *S. Curtisii*.

Anthers mostly inappendiculate, a few with a minute apical appendage from the connective.

Stamens 30 4. *S. sericea*.

Anthers with very short apical appendages from the connective; flowers sessile.

Leaves 2½ to 4 in. long, the lower surfaces minutely pubescent: flower ½ in. long; fruit ovoid-globose, its largest wings 2½ in. long ... 5. *S. parvifolia*.

Leaves 3 to 4½ in. long, glabrous beneath: flower ⅓ in. long; fruit turbinate, its largest wings 3½ in. long ... 6. *S. acuminata*.

Leaves 4 to 6 in. long, glabrescent or glabrous beneath; fruit narrowly ovoid, its longest wings 3½ to 4½ in. long. ... 7. *S. macroptera*.

Apical appendage from the connective much longer than the anther.

Leaves glabrous on both surfaces, the lower not pale.

Stamens 10 (?) 8. *S. Maxwelliana*.

Stamens 20 9. *S. gratissima*.

Stamens 15

Flowers 2 to 25 in. long.

Main nerves of leaves 9 to 10 pairs,
faint; petals not saccate at base;
ovary ovoid-conical, tomentose,
style short ... 10. *S. Ridleyana*.

Main nerves 6 or 7 pairs; petals
saccate at base; ovary hemis-
pheric, style long and slender ... 8. *S. Maxwelliana*.

Flowers 4 in. long, main nerves 9 to
11 pairs; style 3 times as long
as the globose ovary ... 11. *S. pauciflora*.

Flowers 5 in. long, main nerves of
leaves 6 to 8 pairs; ovary elongate-
conic, style short, petals linear-
oblong ... 12. *S. Kunstleri*.

Flowers 65 in. long: nerves of leaves
12 to 16 pairs; ovary ovoid, style
long, filiform, petals ovate-lanceolate ... 13. *S. bracteolata*.

Leaves glaucous beneath ... 14. *S. glauca*.

Apical appendage of the connective with 3 to 5,
or many ciliae.

Stamens 30: ciliae radiating from the tip
of the apical process of all the anthers ... 15. *S. ciliata*.

Stamens 20: apical appendages of all the
anthers with numerous ciliae; petals
broad, spreading ... 16. *S. utilis*.

Stamens 15: anthers of outer row with
ciliate apical appendages ... 17. *S. costatu*.

Anthers with a single apical appendage from
each cell, and a short one from the connec-
tive; sepals imbricate at their bases only ... 18. *S. stellata*.

Species imperfectly known.

Bracteoles large, persistent, scaberulous, stel-
late-pubescent ... 19. *S. Maranti*.

Stipules large, paired, persistent ... 20. *S. eximia*.

Sect. II. *PACHYCLAMYS*, (Dyer). Fruit more than 1 in. long, its
pericarp thick and woody, embraced in its lower half by a cup
formed of the enlarged sepals, the bases of which are thickened
woody and concave, the apices of the outer three produced into
membranous wings as long as, or slightly longer than, the fruit.

Anthers of inner row inappendiculate, those
of the other two rows appendiculate† ... 21. *S. Thiseltoni*.

1. *SHOREA LEPROSULA*, Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. Suppl. I., 487. A tree 100 to 150 feet high: young branches rather slender, lenticellate, minutely and deciduously pale stellate-tomentose. *Leaves* coriaceous, elliptic to oblong, acute or sub-acute, the base rounded; upper surface glabrous, harsh from the prominent minute reticulations, the midrib and nerves sometimes puberulous; lower surface minutely fuscous-tomentose, with numerous densely stellate hairs on the midrib nerves and veins; main nerves 10 to 13 pairs, straight, oblique, prominent beneath; length 3 to 6 in., breadth 1·25 to 3·25 in., petiole ·35 to ·75 in. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, 1·5 to 4 in. long, rachis and branches stellate-tomentose, the short flower-bearing branchlets sericeous. *Flowers* in two rows, secund, ·3 in. long, sessile. *Sepals* ovate, minutely velvety outside. *Petals* three times as long as the sepals, sericeous outside, oblong-spathulate. *Stamens* about 15; the filaments dilated, much longer than the short ovate inappendiculate anthers. *Ovary* ovoid, minutely tomentose, tapering upwards into the long slender style; stigma minute. *Ripe fruit* narrowly ovoid, apiculate, minutely tomentose, 6 in. long. *Ocalyx-wings* all enlarged and membranous, concave at the base so as to embrace the ripe fruit, but not adnate to it; the three outer narrowly oblong, sub-acute at the apex, narrowed at the base, 7-nerved, reticulate, 3 in. long and about ·7 in. broad; the two inner smaller, about 1 in. long, ovate, caudate-acuminate, not nerved. A. DC. Prod. XVI. 2, 631. Scheff. in Tijdschr. Ned. Ind. XXXI, 350: Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind., I., 305. Burck in Ann. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg, VI, 215. *Shorea astrosticta*, Scortechini MSS.

Malacca: Maingay (Kew. Distrib.), No. 203. Perak, King's Collector, Nos. 7646, 7905, 8182; Scortechini, No. 2063. DISTRIB. Sumatra.

2. *SHOREA SCUTULATA*, King, n. sp. A large tree; young branches with dark lenticellate bark and minute white stellate pubescence. *Leaves* elliptic, shortly abruptly and bluntly acuminate; the base broad, rounded, almost truncate: upper surface glabrous, minutely reticulate; the lower, and especially the midrib, sparsely stellate-puberulous when young, glabrescent when old, the sides of the midrib, and especially the pits in the axils of the nerves, with numerous minute brownish pale-edged scales; length 3 to 3·5 in., breadth 1·5 to 1·75 in., petiole ·3 in. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, 3 to 4 in. long, the branches short, each bearing 2 or 3 bracteolate flowers; bracts broadly ovate, concave, blunt, hoary-puberulous, deciduous. *Flowers* ·4 in. long, shortly pedicelled. *Sepals* broadly lanceolate, obtuse, tomentose outside, glabrous inside. *Petals* oblong, obtuse, the base expanded

at one side, glabrous inside and on one half outside, pubescent on the other. *Stamens* 15, in 3 rows; all the filaments broad, those of the outer two rows shorter than those of the inner: anthers short, broadly ovate, inappendiculate. *Ovary* conical, pale tomentose: style short, stigma small. *Fruit* (perhaps not mature) ovoid, apiculate, minutely pale tomentose, .6 in. long. *Sepals* all enlarged, membranous, reticulate, concave at the base; the three outer narrowly oblong, obtuse, very little narrowed to the base, 7-nerved, 2.75 in. long and .75 in. broad; the two inner .8 in. long, linear, about 1-nerved.

Penang: Curtis, No. 1396.

A species known only from Penang, and collected only by Mr. Curtis: remarkable for its almost racemose inflorescence, and curiously glandular leaves.

3. *SHOREA CURTISII*, Dyer MSS. in Herb. Kew. A tree 100 to 150 feet high; young branches slender, at first minutely stellate-puberulous, ultimately dark-coloured and glabrous. *Leaves* coriaceous, oblong-lanceolate, bluntly acuminate; the base sub-cuncate, or almost rounded; upper surface of young leaves minutely pubescent, of adults glabrescent or quite glabrous, the lower uniformly covered with very minute rufescent (young), or pale (adult) tomentum: main nerves 10 to 14 pairs, ascending, rather straight, prominent beneath: length 3 to 4 in., breadth 1.2 to 1.4 in., petiole .4 to .6 in. *Panicles* axillary or terminal, 2 to 3 in. long, the rachis slender, glabrous. *Flowers* about .3 in. long, in distichous secund rows of 4 or 5, on the short lateral branchlets, enveloped while in bud by broad deciduous puberulous bracts. *Sepals* ovate, tomentose outside, glabrous inside, slightly unequal. *Petals* twice as long as the calyx, linear-oblong, obtuse, stellate-pubescent outside, glabrous inside. *Stamens* 15, in three rows; the filaments elongate, broad (those of the outer row longest); anthers short, ovoid-globose, not apiculate. *Ovary* elongated ovoid, tomentose in the upper, glabrous in the lower half: style short, stigma small. *Ripe fruit* narrowly ovoid, apiculate, .75 in. long, pale tomentose; *calyx-wings* all enlarged and membranous, free from the fruit: the three outer linear-oblong, 8-nerved, 2.25 in. long, and about .5 in. broad; the two inner about 1 in. long, bluntly spatulate and with fewer nerves.

Penang: Curtis, Nos. 427, 1394 and 1395.

Perak: King's Collector, No. 8143.

The vernacular name of this in Penang is *Maranti Tai*.

4. *SHOREA SERICEA*, Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind., I., 306. A tree 50 to 60 feet high; young branches rugulose, warted and scurfily
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rufous-tomentose as are the inflorescence and petioles. *Leaves* coriaceous, oblong or elliptic-oblong (rarely slightly ob-ovate), very shortly acuminate or sub-acute, slightly narrowed to the rounded or sub-cuneate base; upper surface shining, sparsely stellate-tomentose, the depressed midrib and nerves puberulous; lower surface scaberulous, more densely stellate-pubescent, especially on the bold midrib and 20 to 22 pairs of stout spreading main nerves; length 3·5 to 6·5 in., breadth 1·5 to 2·75 in., petiole ·6 to ·8 in. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, 3 to 7 in. long, the ultimate branches bearing 4 or 5 distichous, secund, bracteate, sessile flowers; bracts broadly ovate, puberulous outside. *Sepals* ovate, the two inner smaller, all densely golden-sericeous outside, glabrous inside. *Petals* like the sepals and of about the same length, the inside and one-half of the outer glabrous, the other half adpressed-sericeous. *Stamens* about 40, in several rows; the filaments of the outer shorter, all longer than the anthers; anthers ovate, mostly inappendiculate, a few with a minute appendix. *Ovary* elongated, conic, sericeous; the style short, glabrous; stigma small. *Fruit* (immature) narrowly ovoid, ·5 in. long, embraced by, but not adnate to, the accrescent membranous calyx-wings: the outer 3 calyx-wings linear-oblong obtuse, narrowed to the base, 3·5 in. long and ·6 in. broad, 10-nerved; the 2 inner 2·5 in. long and much narrower and fewer-nerved, sparsely pubescent.

Malacca: Maingay (Kew. Distrib.) No. 202. Penang: Curtis, No. 431. Perak: King's Collector, No. 3511.

This resembles *S. lacunosa* Scheff., but differs in not having persistent stipules. Its vernacular name in Penang is *Seraya*.

5. *SHOREA PARVIFOLIA*, Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind., I., 305. A tree 100 to 150 feet high; young branches slender, pale tomentose at first, ultimately glabrous, dark-coloured and lenticellate. *Leaves* coriaceous, ovate to ovate-lanceolate, caudate-acuminate, the base sub-cuneate or almost rounded; upper surface glabrous (when young the midrib tomentose or pubescent); under surface sparsely scaly-pubescent when young, when adult minutely pubescent, the transverse veins thick; main nerves 9 to 12 pairs, oblique, rather straight, prominent beneath: length 2·5 to 4 in., breadth 1 to 1·8 in.; petiole ·35 to ·45 in., tomentose when young. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, crowded near the ends of the branches, 2 to 4 in. long, rather lax, spreading, many-flowered, minutely tomentose, the branches distichous. *Flowers* ·25 in. long, secund, distichous, deciduously bracteate. *Sepals* slightly unequal, ovate, acute, tomentose outside, glabrous inside. *Petals* twice as long as the sepals, obliquely elliptic, obtuse, glabrous, except on one-half outside which is silky. *Stamens* 15, or fewer: the filaments flatten-

ed, about 4 times as long as the broad short anthers; apiculus of connective very slender, about as long as the anther, deflexed. *Ovary* elongate, puberulous; style rather short; stigma small. *Ripe fruit* ovoid-globose, '4 in. long, thinly adpressed pale tomentose. *Sepals* all enlarged and membranous, concave at the base so as to embrace the ripe fruit, but not adnate to it: the three outer narrowly oblong, obtuse at the apex, slightly narrowed to the base; 7-nerved, 2·5 in. long; the two inner from one-half to one-third shorter, narrower and fewer nerved. *Shorea disticha*, Scortechini MSS. in Herb. Calcutta.

Malacca: (Kew Distrib.) No. 206. Penang: Curtis, No. 201. Perak: Scortechini, No. 1965. Wray, No. 1282.

6. *SHOREA ACUMINATA*, Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind., I., 305. A tree 100 to 150 feet high; young branches minutely greyish tomentose, ultimately dark-coloured and glabrescent. *Leaves* coriaceous, ovate to lanceolate, acuminate, the base often unequal-sided, rounded or sometimes emarginate; upper surface glabrous except the puberulous midrib; the flower glabrous, with a few scattered stellate hairs: main nerves 7 to 9 pairs, spreading, slightly prominent beneath: length 3 to 4·5 in., breadth 1·75 to 2·5 in.; petiole '3 to '4 in., tomentose. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, crowded near the extremities of the branches, 2 to 3 in. long, minutely stellate-pubescent, many-flowered. *Flowers* '3 in. long, distichous, secund, about 5 on each lateral branch, bracteolate. *Sepals* ovate, unequal, tomentose outside, glabrous inside. *Petals* twice as long as the calyx, spreading, broadly ovate, puberulous outside, glabrous inside. *Stamens* 15, in three rows, the inner row shorter: filaments broad, much larger than the short, ovate, minutely appendiculate anthers. *Ovary* ovoid, tapering, pubescent: style short, stigma small. *Ripe fruit* turbinate, with 3 slightly vertical grooves, apiculate, puberulous, '5 in. in diam., attached by its base to the calyx: *sepals* all enlarged, concave at the base so as completely to cover the fruit, membranous and reticulate; the 3 outer narrowly oblong obtuse, contracted towards the base, 10- or 11-nerved, 3·5 in. long, and 7 in. broad; the two inner 1 to 1·5 in. long, under '25 in. broad, 3- to 4-nerved.

Malacca: Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 205 (?). Griffith, No. 1762. Perak: King's Collector, No. 8009.

7. *SHOREA MACROPTERA*, Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I., 308. A tree 60 to 80 feet high: young branches with dark-brown bark, minutely lenticellate and puberulous. *Leaves* coriaceous, oblong (usually narrowly), shortly acuminate, the base sub-cuneate or rounded: upper surface glabrous, shining, the midrib and nerves puberulous: lower

surface glabrescent or glabrous, chocolate-coloured when dry: main nerves 10 to 12 pairs, curved, spreading, prominent on the lower surface; length 4 to 6 in., breadth 1·35 to 1·75 in.; petiole ·4 to ·5 in., rugose. *Panicles* axillary or terminal, 4 to 7 in. long, lax, branching, few-flowered, puberulous, sparsely scaly. *Flowers* about ·5 in. long, sessile, solitary, not secund. *Sepals* distinct almost to the base, slightly unequal, broadly-ovate, acute, more or less yellowish-tomentose outside, glabrous inside. *Petals* narrowly oblong, slightly oblique at the base, the apex blunt, glabrous except one-half of the outer surface which is sericeous. *Stamens* 15, in two rows; filaments broad except at the apex, those of the outer two rows by much the shorter: anthers short, ovate, the connective minutely awned. *Ovary* elongated-ovoid, sericeous in its upper half; style short, stigma small. *Ripe fruit* ·6 to ·75 in. long, narrowly ovoid, pale puberulous, apiculate: *sepals* all enlarged and reticulate, slightly concave at the base and embracing, but not adnate to, the fruit; the three outer narrowly oblong, obtuse, tapering slightly to the auricled base, 7-nerved, 3·5 to 4·5 in. long, and ·8 to 1 in. broad; the two inner variable, but shorter, narrower and fewer nerved. *Shorea auriculata*, Scortechini MSS. in Herb., Calcutta.

Malacca: Maingay. Singapore: Ridley. Penang: Curtis, No. 1392. Perak: very common, King's Collector, Scortechini.

A species from Borneo which closely resembles this appears to me to differ specifically. Its leaves are longer with sparser nerves, and its calyx-wings are longer.

8. *SHOREA MAXWELLIANA*, King, n. sp. A tree 60 to 80 feet high: young branches dark-coloured, almost glabrous. *Leaves* coriaceous, ovate-lanceolate, acuminate (caudate-acuminate when young), the base unequal-sided, cuneate; both surfaces quite glabrous, the upper shining, the lower chocolate-coloured when dry: main nerves 6 or 7 pairs, curved, spreading, thin and inconspicuous: length 3 to 4 in., breadth 1·3 to 1·5 in., petiole ·4 in. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, 2·5 to 3 in. long, stellate-puberulous, their lateral branches very short and few-flowered. *Flowers* shortly pedicelled. *Sepals* unequal, oblong, blunt, with enlarged concave bases, more or less pubescent, but glabrous in the concavity of the base inside. *Petals* oblong, concave and saccate at the base, tomentose outside, glabrous inside. *Stamens* 10 (?), the filaments short, broad; the anthers elongate, erect, pointed, the connective ending in an awn as long as the anther. *Ovary* hemispheric; the style long, slender; stigma minute. *Fruit* (not mature) globular, minutely tomentose, closely invested by, but not adnate to, the concave bases of the sepals: *sepals* all enlarged, membranous, narrowly oblong, obtuse;

the three outer 7-nerved, 1·5 in. long and ·4 in. broad; the two inner similar in shape, but fewer-nerved and only ·5 in. long.

Perak: King's Collector, Nos. 3601 and 3744.

The only flowers of this species which I have seen are in an early stage of bud, and from them I am unable to make out the characters of the petals properly. The stamens appear to be only 10 in number: but of this I cannot now be quite certain.

9. *SHOREA GRATISSIMA*, Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 307. A tree: younger branches slender, glabrescent, dark-coloured. *Leaves* coriaceous, elliptic, acuminate, the base broad and rounded, the margins sub-undulate, both surfaces glabrous: main nerves 12 to 14 pairs, faint; length 2·5 to 4 in., breadth 1·25 to 1·5 in., petiole ·6 to ·75 in. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, lax, few-flowered, 3 to 6 in. long, sub-puberulous. *Flowers* secund, pedicelled, ·25 in. long. *Sepals* lanceolate, sub-acute; minutely tomentose outside, glabrous inside in the lower, adpressed-pubescent in the upper, half. *Petals* twice as long as the calyx and much broader, elliptic, obtuse, glabrescent. *Stamens* about 20; the filaments short, unequal, dilated. *Anthers* elongated-ovate, truncate, each with a terminal awn from the connective twice as long as itself. *Ovary* ovoid, sub-glabrous; stigma small. *Ripe fruit* unknown. *Hopea gratissima*, Wall. Cat. 960.

Singapore: Wallich.

This is known only by Wallich's specimens. He referred it to *Hopea*, of which genus it certainly has the *facies*: the aestivation of the sepals is moreover that of *Hopea*, and so is the apiculus of the connective of the stamens. The petals in shape, however, resemble those of *Shorea*. I retain it in *Shorea* in deference to the opinion of Mr. Dyer.

10. *SHOREA RIDLEYANA*, King, n. sp. A tree 60 or 80 feet high: young branches slender, dark brown, lenticellate, nearly glabrous. *Leaves* ovate-lanceolate, shortly acuminate, the base rounded: both surfaces glabrous, the upper shining: main nerves 9 or 10 pairs, curved, spreading, thin but slightly prominent beneath: length 2·5 to 4 in., breadth 1·1 to 2 in.; petiole ·4 to ·5 in., rugulose. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, 1·5 to 2 in. long, densely stellate-puberulous. *Flowers* ·2 in. long, pedicellate. *Sepals* sub-equal, oblong, obtuse, tomentose outside, glabrous inside. *Petals* oblong, slightly oblique, obtuse, glabrous inside, puberulous outside on one half, glabrous on the other. *Stamens* 15, sub-equal, the filaments dilated in the lower half: anthers shorter than the filaments, ovate, the connective produced into an awn longer than the anther. *Ovary* ovoid-conical, minutely tomentose. *Style* short; stigma minute. *Fruit* (immature) ovoid, apiculate, minutely

pale tomentose: *sepals* all enlarged, membranous, reticulate and concave at the base; the three outer linear-oblong, obtuse, slightly narrowed to the concave base, 5-nerved, 2·25 in. long and ·4 in. broad; the two inner of the same shape, but only 1-nerved, narrower and only 1·5 in. long.

Perak: King's Collector, Nos. 3571 and 3617.

This a good deal resembles *S. Maxwelliana*, King; but its leaves have more nerves, its slightly oblique petals are not saccate at the base, its ovary is ovoid-conical, and minutely tomentose with a short style; whereas in *S. Maxwelliana* the petals are saccate at the base, and the ovary is hemispheric with a long style.

11. *SHOREA PAUCIFLORA*, King, n. sp. A tree 50 to 90 feet high: young branches slender, their bark brown puberulous and lepidote. *Leaves* thinly coriaceous, from oblong to elliptic, shortly acuminate; the base abruptly cuneate, slightly unequal-sided, or (in the elliptic forms) almost rounded: main nerves 9 to 11 pairs, oblique, straight, prominent beneath: length 4 to 5 in., breadth 1·8 to 2·5 in., petiole ·6 to ·7 in. *Panicles* few, axillary or terminal, few-flowered, 1·75 to 4 in. long, rather coarsely pubescent. *Flowers* ·4 in. long, secund, shortly pedicellate, each subtended by an ovate, solitary, puberulous, deciduous bract. *Sepals* broadly ovate, tomentose outside, glabrous inside. *Petals* broadly elliptic, obtuse, concave at the base, veined, inside glabrous, the outside half glabrous and half adpressed-sericeous. *Stamens* 15, in 3 rows: the outer row smaller and with filiform filaments, the inner rows with filaments longer and expanded in the lower half; the anthers of all shortly ovate, the connective produced into an awn twice as long as the stamen. *Ovary* hemispheric, tomentose; style nearly 3 times as long, puberulous; stigma small. *Ripe fruit* unknown.

Penang: Curtis, No. 1537.

A species known only by Mr. Curtis' specimens which have no fruit.

12. *SHOREA KUNSTLERI*, King, n. sp. A tree 60 to 100 feet high: young branches slender, rusty-puberulous, their bark brown. *Leaves* coriaceous, elliptic, abruptly and shortly acuminate, the base rounded or slightly cuneate, both surfaces glabrous, the lower with a few stiff white hairs on the midrib and nerves; main nerves 6 to 8 pairs, curved, ascending, prominent on the lower surface; length 4 to 5 in., breadth 2 to 2·4 in., petiole ·5 in. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, 4 to 6 in. long, lax, few-flowered, scaly-puberulous. *Flowers* ·5 in. long, sub-sessile, 4 or 5 together on the short branches of the panicles, secund, bracteate: the bracts broadly ovate, puberulous. *Sepals* sub-equal,

broadly ovate, acute, tomentose outside; the edges ciliate, glabrous inside. *Petals* linear-oblong, obtuse; the bases obliquely expanded, sericeous externally, glabrous internally. *Stamens* 15, sub-equal, the filaments as long as the anthers, flattened; anthers ovate, short, the connective terminated by a curved awn much longer than the stamen. *Ovary* elongate-conic, puberulous; style short. *Ripe fruit* hemispheric, tapering into a cone and crowned by the style, adpressed pale tomentose. *Sepals* membranous, reticulate: the three larger narrowly oblong, obtuse, tapering to the concave non-reticulate base, 9-nerved, 3·5 in. long and 7 in. broad: the two inner 2 in. long, linear, 3-nerved.

Perak: King's Collector, Nos. 3474 and 3705.

This species is allied to *S. bracteolata*, Dyer, but its leaves have fewer nerves, smaller flowers, narrower petals, and a short style.

13. *SHOREA BRACTEOLATA*, Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 305. A tree 50 to 150 feet high; young branches minutely furfuraceous-puberulous, speedily glabrescent, their bark dark-coloured. *Leaves* coriaceous, elliptic-oblong, shortly acuminate (often sub-obtuse when old), narrowed slightly to the rounded or emarginate base; upper surface quite glabrous; the lower yellowish furfuraceous-puberulous to glabrous; main nerves 12 to 16 pairs, spreading, prominent beneath: length 4 to 6 in., breadth 1·6 to 2·5 in., petiole 45 to 6 in. *Panicles* axillary, few-flowered, 2·5 to 6 in. long, glabrous. *Flowers* 65 in. long, shortly pedicellate, each subtended by 2 elliptic, obtuse, 3-nerved, puberulous, deciduous bracts 35 in. long. *Sepals* lanceolate, obtuse, minutely tomentose outside, the two inner smaller. *Petals* ovate-lanceolate, obtuse; the bases expanded, glabrous. *Stamens* 15, in two rows, the filaments less than half as long as the ovate obtuse anthers; appendix of connective subulate, twice as long as the anther, decurved when old. *Ovary* ovoid, attenuated upwards, sub-glabrous; the style long, filiform; stigma small. *Ripe fruit* ovoid, apiculate, 6 in. long, embraced by, but (except at the very base) free from the calyx; *sepals* accrescent, membranous, reticulate and concave at the base: the three outer narrowly oblong, blunt, slightly narrowed above the concave base, 10-nerved, 3·5 in. long, and 6 in. broad; the two smaller about 2 in. long, and 2 in. broad, about 3-nerved. *Shorea foveolata*, Scortechini MSS. in Herb. Calcutta.

Malacca: Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 204. Penang: Curtis, Nos. 322 and 1405. Perak: King's Collector, Nos. 7583, 7591, 7717; Scortechini, No. 1939. **DISTRIB.**—Sumatra. Forbes, No. 3050.

14. *SHOREA GLAUCA*, King, n. sp. A tree 80 to 100 feet high; young branches slender, dark-coloured, puberulous. *Leaves* coriaceous, ovate-lanceolate, acuminate; the base broad, rounded; upper surface

glabrous, the lower glaucous (except the midrib and nerves) especially when young; main nerves 7 to 9 pairs, ascending, rather straight: length 3·5 to 4·5 in., breadth 1·4 to 1·8 in.; petiole ·45 to ·6 in., rugulose, glaucous. *Panicles* axillary, few-flowered, shorter than the leaves, hoary, the *flowers* on short pedicels. *Sepals* slightly unequal, oblong, obtuse, tomentose on both surfaces. *Ovary* conical, tomentose; the style very short, glabrous; stigma small, 3-lobed. *Fruit* (immature) ovoid-globose, apiculate, minutely tomentose; accrescent sepals membranous, free from the fruit; obscurely 7- to 12-nerved, strongly reticulate, blunt, slightly narrowed to the concave base, at first puberulous but ultimately glabrous; the longer 2·25 in. long, and ·6 to ·75 in. broad, the others smaller.

Penang: Curtis, No. 372. Malacca: Maingay (Kew Distrib.), 212.

In this species the two inner fruiting wings of the calyx are nearly as large as the three outer; the leaves are very white underneath when young, but much less conspicuously so when adult. It is known, only by Curtis' and Maingay's specimens, none of which have complete flowers. Maingay's specimens from Malacca have in fact no flowers; but there is no mistaking their leaves as being exactly like those of Mr. Curtis' from Penang. The vernacular name of this is *Dammur laut dhan lesor*.

15. *SHOREA CILIATA*, King, n. sp. A medium-sized tree; young branches slender, dark-coloured, deciduously hoary-puberulous. *Leaves* coriaceous, lanceolate or oblong-lanceolate, acuminate, the base cuneate; both surfaces glabrous, minutely reticulate, the lower whitish when young, pale brown when dry; main nerves 8 or 9 pairs, ascending, curved, shining on the lower surface: length 3 to 3·5 in., breadth ·8 to 1·5 in., petiole ·75 to ·9 in. *Panicles* 2 to 2·5 in. long, axillary and terminal, little-branched, few-flowered, hoary. *Flowers* ·5 in. long, secund. *Sepals* ovoid-deltoid, obtuse, outside tomentose, inside glabrous. *Petals* three times as long as the sepals, narrowly oblong, obtuse, slightly expanded at the base, adpressed-sericeous outside, glabrescent inside. *Stamens* 30, in fascicles of 3, unequal, the shorter with undilated filaments, the longer with filaments dilated in the lower half; all with the connective produced into an apical process crowned by 3 to 5 spreading ciliæ. *Ovary* ovoid-conic, sericeous, with a short glabrous style. *Fruit* (immature) ovoid, apiculate, pale-tomentose, ·5 in. long; accrescent sepals membranous, reticulate: the three outer narrowly oblong, reticulate, 7-nerved: the two inner 2 in. long, and ·3 in. broad, narrowed to above the concave base: the two inner 1 in. long, linear-lanceolate, few-nerved.

Penang: Curtis, No. 1578.

Known only by Curtis' specimens, and readily recognisable by its beautifully ciliate-crested anthers.

16. *SHOREA UTILIS*, King, n. sp. A large tree; all parts except the inflorescence glabrous: young branches slender, dark-coloured. *Leaves* coriaceous, ovate-lanceolate, caudate-acuminate, or shortly and abruptly acuminate, the base slightly cuneate; main nerves about 7 pairs, oblique, not prominent on either surface; length 2·5 to 3 in., breadth ·9 to 1·2 in., petiole ·4 in. *Panicles* axillary, stellate-puberulous, about as long as the leaves; their lateral branches distant, very short, minutely tomentose, 3- or 4-flowered. *Flowers* sub-sessile, globular in bud, under ·2 in. long. *Sepals* ovate-orbicular, blunt, the outer 3 very tomentose outside, the inner 2 less so; all glabrous inside. *Petals* broadly oblong, blunt, more or less sericeous in both surfaces. *Stamens* 20; filaments slightly dilated, about as long as the ovate anthers; apical process of connective about as long as the anther, ciliate. *Ovary* sericeous, elongated-conic, gradually tapering into the short glabrous style; stigma minute. *Ripe fruit* ovoid, apiculate, pale, adpressed-sericeous, ·4 in. long, closely invested by, but free from, the concave bases of the accrescent sepals. *Sepals of fruiting calyx* all enlarged, membranous, reticulate, deciduously puberulous; the 3 outer oblong, very obtuse, 5-nerved, 1·25 in. long, and ·4 in. broad; the inner 3 half as long, or less, and much narrower.

Penang: Curtis, No. 423.

This species, which Mr. Curtis describes as yielding the most durable timber in Penang, was at one time quite common there, but it is now almost extinct. Its vernacular name is *Dammar laut*.

17. *SHOREA COSTATA*, King, n. sp. A tree; young branches dark-coloured, lepidote-puberulous. *Leaves* thinly coriaceous, oblong, sub-acute, slightly narrowed to the rounded or sub-cuneate base; both surfaces glabrous, the transverse veins distinct, especially on the lower: main nerves 11 to 13 pairs, oblique, rather straight, slightly prominent beneath; length 3 to 4·25 in., breadth 1·2 to 1·5 in., petiole ·8 to 1 in. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, 1·5 to 2·5 in. long, scaly-puberulous, the lateral branches very short and few-flowered. *Flowers* small. *Sepals* broadly ovate, yellowish-tomentose outside, glabrous inside. *Stamens* 15; all with dilated filaments longer than the ovate anthers, those of the inner row with the apical process of the connective short and glabrous, those of the outer rows with longer ciliate apical connectives. *Ovary* ovoid-conical, densely yellowish-tomentose; style very short. *Ripe fruit* ovoid, apiculate, sparsely puberulous, ·75 in. long; sepals all enlarged, concave and dilated at the base, membranous and reticulate; the three outer narrowly oblong, obtuse, much

narrowed to the base, 7-nerved, 2·75 in. long, and ·45 in. broad; the two inner of the same shape, but few-nerved, only 1·5 in. long, and ·25 in. broad.

Penang: Curtis, No. 199.

A species known only by Mr. Curtis' solitary specimen. The connectives of the inner anthers are ciliate, somewhat in the fashion of *S. ciliata*, King; but the leaves of that species are very different.

18. *SHOREA STELLATA*, Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 304. A tree 100 to 150 feet high; young branches slender, at first stellate-puberulous, but speedily glabrous, with bark dark-coloured and sparsely lenticellate. *Leaves* thinly coriaceous, ovate-lanceolate, the base rounded: upper surfaces glabrous, the lower very minutely lepidote on the reticulations; main nerves 8 to 11 pairs, rather straight, oblique, prominent on the lower surface; length 4 to 5·5 in., breadth 1·75 to 2·25 in., petiole ·7 to ·9 in. *Panicles* axillary or terminal, crowded at the extremities of the branches, many-flowered, 4 to 6 in. long; minutely stellate-pubescent. *Flowers* ·25 in. in diam. *Calyx* minutely greyish-tomentose, the segments ovate-oblong, sub-acute, valvate, erect. *Petals* broadly ovate, obtuse, pubescent outside, spreading. *Stamens* 15, the filaments short, broad; the anthers linear-elongate, shortly bi-mucronate, the connective also shortly mucronate. *Ovary* ovate-globular, grooved, very tomentose; the style short; the stigma ovoid, small. *Ripe fruit* ovoid, apiculate, tomentose, ·5 in. long; sepals all enlarged, subequal, membranous, linear-oblong, sub-acute, much narrowed at the base, quite free from the fruit, 5-ribbed, reticulate, 4·5 in. long, and about ·6 in. broad. *Parashorea stellata*, Kurz, Journ. As. Soc., Bengal, for 1870, pt. 2, p. 66. For. Flora Burm., I, 117; Pierre Flore Forest. Coch-Chine, t. 224.

Perak: King's Collector, No. 7505. *DISTRIB.* Burmah.

None of the Perak specimens are in fruit; but in leaves and flowers they agree absolutely with Kurz's Burmese specimens. The calyx in all is quite valvate, and it was on this character chiefly that Kurz based the genus *Parashorea*.

19. *SHOREA MARANTI*, Burck in Ann. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg, VI. 217. A small tree: young branches dark-coloured, stellate-puberulous. *Leaves* thinly coriaceous, more or less broadly elliptic or elliptic-oblong, shortly abruptly and bluntly acuminate; the base broad, rounded, or almost truncate; upper surface glabrous, the midrib and nerves minutely tomentose or pubescent when young; lower surface more or less sparsely minutely stellate-puberulous, the sides of the midrib, especially at the axils of the main nerves, glandular and densely covered with masses of brown pale-edged scales: main nerves 12 to 16 pairs, oblique,

slightly curved, thin but prominent beneath when dry, as are the transverse veins; length 3·5 to 6·5 in., breadth 1·5 to 2·25 in.; petiole ·35 in., densely stellate-pubescent, scurfy. *Stipules* deciduous, ovate-lanceolate, nerved, stellate-puberulous. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, few-flowered, tawny-tomentose, (shorter than the leaves [?]); the bracts in pairs, unequal, elliptic-oblong, blunt, nerved, pubescent on both surfaces. "Segments of calyx (fide Burck) unequal, the three outer larger, imbricate. *Petals* minutely tomentose inside. *Stamens* 15, in two rows." *Hopea?* *Maranti*, Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. Suppl., 489; A. DC. Prod. XVI, 2, p. 635.

Perak: King's Collector, No. 880. Malacca: Derry, No. 952. DISTRIB. Sumatra, Bangka.

The Perak specimens are not in flower; and I have seen none from elsewhere that are. The above imperfect description of the flower has therefore been copied from Burck (Ann. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg, VI. 217). The Perak specimens perfectly agree, as to leaves, with an authentic specimen of Miquel's from Sumatra, in the Calcutta Herbarium. Miquel never saw either flower or fruit. In fact, of the twenty new species of *Dipterocarpacee* described by this author in the supplement to his Flora of the Netherlands India, the flowers are described in only two, and in these but partially!

20. *SHOREA EXIMIA*, Scheff. in Nat. Tijdschr. Ned. Ind. XXXI, 349. A shrub or small tree; young branches petioles and under-surfaces of leaves stellate-setulose. *Leaves* coriaceous, elliptic-oblong, or ob-lanceolate-oblong, acuminate, narrowed to the rounded or sub-cuneate base: upper surface glabrous except the tomentoso midrib, shining, the nerves depressed: under surface scabrid, pale brown, the reticulations midrib and 17 to 21 pairs of spreading nerves prominent: length 6·5 to 11 in., breadth 2·25 to 3·25 in., petiole ·25 to ·35 in. *Stipules* in pairs, persistent, ovate, acuminate, longer than the petioles, reticulate, laxly pubescent and warted. "*Wings of fruiting-calyx* linear-lanceolate, obtuse: the three larger narrow at the base, 3·2 to 3·6 in. long, ·5 in. broad, sparsely pubescent, 9-nerved; the two shorter and narrower 1·6 in. long. *Fruit* elongated-ovoid, acuminate, minutely whitish-tomentose." Burck in Ann. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg VI, 218. *Vatica?* *eximia*, Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. Suppl. 486; A. DC. Prod. XVI, 2, 623. *Vatica sub-lacunosa?* Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. Suppl. 486. *Shorea sub-lacunosa*, Scheff. in Nat. Tijdschr. Ned. Ind. XXXI, 350: A. DC. Prod. XVI, 2623.

Malacca: Griffith, No. 5018. Penang: King. Perak: King's Collector, 10998. DISTRIB. Sumatra, Bangka.

This plant is very imperfectly known. I have copied the descrip-

tion of the fruit from Dr. Burck (l. c.). Miquel, who first described the plant as a probable *Vatica*, had seen nothing but a leaf-twig. Specimens brought from Perak by the Calcutta collectors bear, instead of flowers, curious cones, 1·5 in. long, of distichous imbricate bracts, concerning which Griffith, in his field note on his specimen No. 5018, wrote,—“irregular growth caused by an insect; each of the scales of these cones bears on its dorsum at its base a number of eggs.” Griffith’s No. 5019 appears to belong to a closely allied, but distinct, species; as also does the indeterminate plant issued by Wallich as No. 6635 of his catalogue, under the designation, “*Dilleniaceae* [?] *nervosa*.”

21. *SHOREA THISELTONI*, King, n. sp. A tree 60 to 80 feet high: young branches rather stout, the bark dark-coloured and lenticellate, but covered at first by a pale-grey, deciduous pellicle. *Leaves* coriaceous, elliptic-oblong to elliptic, rarely oblong, sometimes slightly obovate, obtuse, slightly narrowed to the rounded base; both surfaces glabrous, the lower when very young sparsely lepidote, puberulous especially on the midrib and nerves, brown when dry: main nerves 8 or 9 pairs, ascending, slightly curved, bold and prominent on the under surface like the midrib; length 5 to 7 in., breadth 2·5 to 3·25 in.; petiole ·6 to ·8 in., stout. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, 2 to 3 in. long, velvety, few-flowered, apparently ebracteolate. *Flowers* scssile, ·6 or ·7 in. long. *Sepals* ovate, sub-acute, unequal; the 3 outer tomentose outside, glabrous inside; the 2 inner smaller, nearly glabrous, the edges ciliate. *Petals* much longer than the sepals, linear-oblong, obtuse, expanded at the base, glabrous, except one-half of the outer surface which is adpressed-pubescent. *Stamens* 15, in 3 rows, the filaments of all dilated, unequal: the anthers shortly ovate, those of the inner and longer row inappendiculate, those of the other two rows with a short apical appendage from the connective. *Ovary* narrowly conical, tomentose, tapering into the short glabrous style; stigma minute. *Ripe fruit* narrowly ovoid, apiculate, minutely pale-tomentose, substriate, 1·2 in. long, and ·6 in. in diam., the pericarp thick and woody. *Persistent sepals* with much thickened concave woody bases, forming a cup embracing the lower half of the fruit, the apices of the outer three prolonged into membranous linear-oblong obtuse wings exceeding the fruit and sometimes 1·5 in. long; one of the inner sepals shortly winged, the other often broad, obtuse and not winged.

Perak: common. King’s Collector.

In this plant the fruit is much larger than in any of the other species of *Shorea* here described, and its pericarp is hard and thick. The bases of the sepals are greatly thickened and concave, and they form a cup which embraces closely, but does not adhere to, the lower

half of the fruit, the apices of some of them being winged as above described. In these respects the species resembles certain other Malayan species of *Shorea*, e. g., *S. Martiniana* Scheff, *S. scaberrima*, and *S. stenoptera*, Burck. Judging from the leaf-specimens on which Miquel founded his *Hopea Singkawang*, that plant must be a close ally of this. A species (flower only) collected by H. O. Forbes in Sumatra (Herb. No. 2952) must also be closely allied to this. It differs however by its conspicuously bracteolate inflorescence. Beccari's Nos. 2681 and 3507, which form the types of Heim's species *S. brachyptera*, are also allied to this.

6. HOPEA, Roxb.

Glabrous or hoary-tomentose resinous trees. *Leaves* quite entire, firm, feather-veined; stipules small, deciduous or inconspicuous. *Flowers* sessile or shortly pedicelled, ebracteate, in lax panicles of unilateral racemes. *Sepals* inserted on the receptacle, two being quite external and three for the most part internal, obtuse, imbricate. *Petals* falcate, their apices inflected in bud. *Stamens* 15, or rarely 10, slightly connate; the connective subulate-cuspidate, the anthers ovate, their valves obtuse, equal. *Ovary* 3-celled, the cells 2-ovuled: style shortly cylindric or subulate. *Fruit* 1-seeded, closely surrounded by the bases of the accrescent sepals, the 2 external of which are developed into linear wings, the three internal not longer than the ripe fruit. *Embryo* as in *Shorea*.—DISTRIB. of *Shorea*; species about 35.

Sect. I. EU-HOPEA, Main nerves of leaves bold and prominent.

Nerves of leaves 16 to 18 pairs; accrescent
sepals 4 to 4·5 in. long, 10-nerved ... 1 *H. nervosa*.

Nerves of leaves 10 to 13 pairs; accrescent
sepals 1·75 to 2·5 in. long, obscurely 5-nerved 2. *H. Curtisii*.

Sect. II. DRYOBALANOIDEA, Miq. Main nerves not distinct.

Petals sericeous: the filaments longer than the
anthers; ripe fruit ·3 in. long, the accrescent
sepals 7-nerved, 1·75 to 2 in. long, and ·2 to
·25 in. broad; leaf-petioles ·25 to ·4 in. long,
minutely tomentose... 3. *H. micrantha*.

Petals densely sericeous; the filaments shorter
than the anthers; ripe fruit ·2 in. long; ac-
crescent sepals obscurely 5- to 7-nerved, 1·25
to 1·5 in. long, and ·25 in. broad; leaf-petioles
·35 to ·6 in. long, slender, puberulous, finally
glabrous ... 4. *H. intermedia*.

1. *HOPEA NERVOSA*, King, n. sp. A tree 50 to 70 feet high: young branches dark-coloured, glabrous. *Leaves* coriaceous, oblong to elliptic-oblong, shortly acuminate, the base rounded or very slightly cuneate; both surfaces glabrous; main nerves 16 to 18 pairs, spreading, bold and prominent on the lower; length 3·5 to 5 in., breadth 1·5 to 2·25 in.; petiole ·5 to ·75 in., transversely wrinkled when dry. *Flowers* unknown. *Ripe fruit* ovoid-rotund, apiculate, glabrous, ·5 in. long; the two outer sepals much enlarged, oblong-lanceolate, obtuse, slightly narrowed to the concave thickened smooth base, 10-nerved, 4 to 4·5 in. long, and ·6 to ·75 in. wide; the three inner sepals not quite so long as the fruit, broadly ovate, obtuse, thickened, smooth, closely embracing but not adherent to the fruit.

Perak: King's Collector, No. 3690.

This is a very distinct species, belonging to the group of *Hopea* with the nerves of the leaves bold. It is so distinct that, contrary to my general practice, I venture to name it without having seen the flower.

2. *HOPEA CURTISII*, King, n. sp. A tree 50 to 60 feet high: young branches slender, dark-coloured, lenticellate, almost glabrous. *Leaves* coriaceous, broadly ovate to ovate-oblong, shortly acuminate or acute, the base slightly unequal-sided, rounded, rarely sub-cuneate; both surfaces glabrous, the upper slightly puberulous on the midrib near the base, the lower with several hairy glands at the base, the midrib sparsely and minutely stellate-puberulous; main nerves 10 to 13 pairs, curving, ascending, prominent beneath; length 3·5 to 4·5 in., breadth 1·75 to 2·5 in.; petiole ·4 in., puberulous when young. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, lax, few-flowered. *Flowers* about ·2 in. long, pedicelled. *Sepals* broadly ovate, blunt, concave, tomentose outside, glabrous inside; the inner two rather smaller and more glabrous than the others. *Petals* oblong, oblique, falcate, obtuse, partially tomentose outside, glabrous inside. *Stamens* 10, the filaments short, dilated; anthers ovate, short, the connective with an apical awn longer than the anther. *Ovary* broadly ovate, puberulous at the truncate apex, otherwise glabrous: style short. *Ripe fruit* ovoid, apiculate, pale striate, ·3 in. long; outer two sepals accrescent, narrowly-oblong, reticulate, membranous, obscurely 5-nerved, obtuse, slightly narrowed to the concave smooth base, 1·75 to 2·5 in. long and from ·35 to ·6 in. broad; the three inner non-accrescent sepals about as long as the fruit.

Penang: Curtis No. 1562. Perak: King's Collector, 8161.

3. *HOPEA MICRANTHA*, Hook. fil. in Trans. Linn. Soc., xxiii, 160. A tree 60 to 80 feet high: young branches slender with dark-coloured, lenticellate bark and minute brownish pubescence. *Leaves* coriaceous,

ovate-lanceolate or oblong-lanceolate, bluntly caudate-acuminate; the base slightly cuneate or sometimes broad, rounded and slightly unequal; both surfaces glabrous except the pubescent midrib: main nerves numerous, not much more prominent than the secondary, and both indistinct; length 2 to 4 in., breadth .8 to 1.75 in.; petiole .25 to .4 in. minutely tomentose. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, numerous, short, spreading, 1 to 1.5 in. long, puberulous or glabrous. *Flowers* .15 to .25 in. long, shortly pedicellate. *Sepals* sub-equal, ovate-rotund, sub-acute or obtuse, puberulous and resinous outside, glabrous inside. *Petals* twice as long as the sepals, broadly oblong-obtuse, silky outside except on one side, glabrous inside. *Stamens* about 12, the filaments dilated in the lower half, longer than the ovate anthers; the connective produced into a single apical awn longer than the stamen. *Ovary* elongated, often constricted in the middle, glabrous; style very short, stigma minute. *Ripe fruit* ovoid, apiculate, .3 in. long, striate, closely embraced by the 3 inner sepals which about equal it in length; the outer two sepals accrescent, oblanceolate, obtuse, tapering to the concave base, reticulate, 7-nerved, 1.75 to 2 in. long, and .2 to .25 in. broad. A. DC. Prod. XVI. 2, p. 634. Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 310. Burek in Ann. Bot. Jard. Buitenzorg, VI, 238.

Malacca; Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 210. Penang: Curtis, Nos. 167, 266, 1397. Perak: King's Collector, Nos. 3525, 8170. DISTRIB. Borneo: Bangka, Sumatra.

Mr. Curtis notes on the Penang specimens of this, that the bark of the tree is smooth and of a grey colour, whereas the back of its close ally *H. intermedia* is fissured like that of *Shorea parviflora*. The species of *Hopea* with numerous indistinct nerves, (Sect. *Dryobalanoides*) are not easy to distinguish from each other in the Herbarium. *H. Mengarawan*, Miq., a species published two years earlier than this (*i. e.*, in 1860), comes very near this, and the two may possibly prove to be identical, in which case Miquel's name must be adopted. *Hopea cernua*, Teysm. and Binn. was described by its authors from a plant originally obtained from Sumatra, but cultivated in the Buitenzorg Garden. It differs from *H. Mengarawan* and from *H. micrantha* in having larger leaves with more prominent nerves. Its authors were doubtful as to its being really distinct from *H. Mengarawan*, and I think these doubts were well founded. Under the species named *H. Dryobalanoides* by Miquel (*l. c.*) there are, Dr. Burek asserts, two plants. One of these collected at Socngiepagoe in Sumatra, is, he says, simply *H. Mengarawan*, Miq., and it is the fruit of this which Miquel describes under his *H. Dryobalanoides*. The other specimen from Priaman in Sumatra is different, and it is to it that Dr. Burek (Ann. Bot. Jard. Buitenzorg VI., 241) desires to

restrict the name *H. Dryobalanoides*, Miq. There is in the Calcutta Herbarium an authentic specimen of the very gathering of the Soengiepagoe plant on which Miquel worked, and I should refer it to *H. micrantha* Hook. fil.

Petalandra micrantha, Harssk. has been reduced by the authors of the *Genera Plantarum* (Vol. I. p. 193) to *Hopea*. It is however a different plant from this, and belongs to Miquel's section *Eu-hopea*, which is characterised by the nerves being prominent. By Dr. Burck, *Petalandra* is reduced to *Doona*.

4. *HOPEA INTERMEDIA*, King n. sp. A tree 60 to 80 feet high: young branches rather dark-coloured, minutely lenticellate, puberulous. *Leaves* coriaceous, ovate-lanceolate, caudate-acuminate, the base cuneate, both surfaces glabrous; main nerves numerous, faint; length 2·5 to 3 in., breadth 1 to 1·35 in.; petiole ·35 to ·6 in. slender, puberulous but finally glabrous. *Panicles* as in *H. Mengarawan*, the flowers pedicellate. *Sepals* sub-equal; the two outer ovate, acuminate; the three inner broader and more obtuse, all resinous outside, glabrous and smooth inside. *Petals* twice as long as the sepals, narrowly oblong, obtuse, falcate, densely sericeous externally, glabrous within. *Stamens* 12; the filaments dilated, shorter than the anthers; the anthers short, crowned by a straight awn from the connective longer than the stamen. *Ovary* hour-glass shaped; style short, stigma small. *Ripe fruit* ovoid, apiculate, ·2 in. long, pale, striate; the two outer sepals accrescent, narrowly oblong-obtuse, narrowed to the base, reticulate, obscurely 5- to 7-nerved, 1·25 to 1·5 in. long and ·25 in. broad; the inner three sepals not accrescent, not longer than the fruit, and closely embracing it.

Penang: Curtis, No. 425 and 1398. Perak: King's Collector, No. 3709.

This species is no doubt near to *H. micrantha*, Hook. fil., but, according to Mr. Curtis, it is distinguishable from that, while growing, by its bark, this tree having a fissured bark like that of *Shorea parvifolia*, Dyer, while the bark of *H. micrantha* is smooth and grey. The petals of this are also more sericeous than those of *H. micrantha*, the filaments are shorter than the anthers (not longer, as in *H. micrantha*), the leaves are more glabrous, the petioles longer and more slender and more glabrous, and the fruit and accrescent sepals are smaller than in *H. micrantha*. I have therefore ventured, after much hesitation, to name this as a species, and from its relationship to *H. micrantha* and *H. Mengarawan*, I have called it *H. intermedia*. Its vernacular name in Penang is *Jankang*. It has been suggested that this plant should be referred to *H. Dryobalanoides*, Miq.—a course which I would have adopted with great pleasure had it been clear what *H. Dryobalanoides* really is.

But, as I have stated in a note under *H. micrantha*, *H. Dryobalanoides* appears to be a composite species; moreover, its author nowhere describes its flowers. For these reasons I think it ought to be suppressed as a species.

7. RETINODENDRON, Korthals.

Resinous trees, with the leaves, inflorescence, and flowers of *Vatica*. *Ripe fruit* globular, crowned by the persistent style, 1-celled, 1-seeded, the pericarp coriaceous, indehiscent. *Calyx* of ripe fruit slightly accrescent, the pieces oblong, nearly equal, and quite free from, and usually shorter than, the fruit (longer in *R. Kunstleri*). *Isauzis* (sub-genus of *Vateria*) W and A. DISTRIB. Malaya and British India. Species about 10.

Isauzis was established by Wight and Arnot as a sub-genus of *Vateria*, Linn. to receive the three species *Vateria lanceifolia*, Roxb., *V. Roxburghiana*, Wight and *V. Ceylonica*, Wight (*Stemoporus Wightii*, Thw.) and its characters were, "Segments of the calyx ovate, acute, enlarging in fruit; petals falcate and about three times the length of the calyx; stamens 15 with oblong anther cells; style short; stigma clavate, 3-6 toothed; panicles axillary, shorter than the leaves." The other section of *Vateria* suggested by Wight was *Eu-Vateria* (the *Vateria* of Linnaeus and of which *V. indica*, L. is the type) and of this the characters are, "Calyx-segments obtuse, scarcely enlarging in fruit; petals oval, scarcely longer than the calyx; stamens 40 or 50 with linear anther-cells; style elongated; stigma acute; panicle large and terminal. Korthals, evidently overlooking Wight's Illustrations, published (Verh. Nat. Gesch. Ned. Ind. p. 56) his genus *Retinodendron* to cover one of the very plants (*viz.*, *Vateria lanceifolia*, Roxb.) for which Wight and Arnot founded the sub-genus *Isauzis*; and to this *Retinodendron* Korthals added his own Malayan species *R. Rassak* and *R. pauciflorum*. Although *Isauzis* may have the priority as a sub-genus (Wight's Illustrations were published in 1840, and Korthals' book, just quoted, bears the date 1839-1842), *Retinodendron* takes precedence as a genus. The flowers of *Retinodendron* are exactly those of all the species of *Vatica* (except the anomalous *V. scaphula*, Roxb.) inasmuch as the segments of the calyx are slightly imbricate when the bud is very young, becoming valvate as the bud advances in age; the petals are much longer than broad, their apices are not inflexed in aestivation, and they are not spreading when expanded. The fruit itself is also practically that of *Vatica*; but the fruiting-calyx is different, for its lobes are invariably free from the beginning, they are pretty nearly equal to each other, but (although slightly accrescent) they are in most cases shorter than the fruit. As regards its calyx, *Retinodendron* is closely allied to *Vateria*, but it differs from *Vateria* in its flowers; for in *Vateria* the stamens are numerous (40 to 50), the petals are scarcely longer than the segments of the calyx and are spreading; moreover the inflorescence is longer in *Vateria* than in *Retinodendron*, and it is terminal. In short, *Retinodendron* has the flowers of *Vatica* and the fruit of *Vateria*. Dr. Burck forms *Retinodendron* and *Isauzis* into sections of the genus *Vatica*, giving however characters to the section *Isauzis* which form no part of Wight's original characters of it as a sub-section of *Vateria*. In Dr. Burck's section *Isauzis*, "the calyx-lobes are all accrescent, sub-equal to the fruit, or much longer."

Fruiting-calyx shorter than the fruit.

Leaves 3·5 to 6 in. long: fruit ¼ in. in diam. 1. *R. pallidum*.

Leaves 7 to 10 in. long: fruit ⅙ in. in diam. 2. *R. Scortechinii*.

Fruiting-calyx longer than the fruit ... 3. *R. Kunstleri*.

1. *RETINODENDRON PALLIDIUM*, King. A small tree (fide Dyer): young branches slender, deciduously puberulous, their bark pale. *Leaves* coriaceous, oblong-lanceolate to narrowly elliptic, acuminate; the edges entire, recurved when dry; the base acute: both surfaces glabrous, the upper shining; main nerves 9 to 10 pairs, curving, oblique; length 3·5 to 6 in., breadth 1·2 to 1·8 in., petiole ¼ to ½ in. *Panicles* axillary, rarely extra-axillary, puberulous, 1 to 3 in. long. *Flowers* ⅔ in. long; *Calyx-segments* ovate-lanceolate, scurfy-pubescent. *Petals* oblong, lanceolate, sub-acute, stellate-pubescent externally. *Anthers* broadly ovate, with a short blunt apiculus. *Ovary* puberulous; stigma capitate, lobed. *Fruit* globular, about ¼ in. in diam., glabrous, shining, very minutely and sparsely lepidote, partially covered in the lower half by the slightly unequal, spreading or sub-reflexed, narrowly-oblong, membranous, 3-nerved, reticulate calyx-lobes. *Vatica pallida*, Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 302.

Penang: Maingay, on Government Hill, at an elevation of about 800 feet; Curtis, No. 117; King, Kunstler.

This is known only from Penang. It is evidently a rare tree. Its fruit somewhat resembles (except in size) that of *V. lanceaefolia*, Blume.

2. *RETINODENDRON SCORTECHINII*, King, n. sp. A tall tree: young branches rather stout, densely furfuraceous-pubescent. *Leaves* coriaceous, oblong, tapering to the sub-acute apex; the base slightly narrowed, rounded: both surfaces glabrous: main nerves 14 to 18 pairs, spreading, curving, prominent on the lower, depressed on the upper, surface when dry, the transverse venation bold: length 7 to 10 in., breadth 2·6 to 3·2 in., petiole ⅙ to ⅝ in. *Panicles* crowded towards the apices of the branches, mostly axillary, 2 to 2·5 in. long, the rachises brownish flocculent stellate-tomentose, as is the calyx externally. *Flowers* ⅙ in. long. *Calyx-lobes* ovate. *Petals* thick, oblong, blunt, puberulous externally, glabrous within. *Stamens* elliptic, apiculate. *Ovary* minutely tomentose; stigma clavate. *Ripe fruit* sub-globular, sub-rugose, vertically grooved, minutely rufous-scurfy, about ⅙ in. in diam., laxly embraced in the lower half by the broadly ovate, membranous, many-nerved, reticulate, sub-equal calyx-lobes.

Perak: Scortechini, Nos. 1940 and 1942.

The calyx-lobes are nearly equal in size, quite free from the fruit, much shorter, and they embrace only its lower half. This species is allied to *Betiodendron Bassak*, Korth. (Nat. Gesch. Ned. Ind. 56, t. 8.)

but has broader leaves and much more condensed panicles than that species.

3. *RETINODENDRON KUNSTLERI*, King n. sp. A tree, 20 to 50 feet high, sometimes a shrub: young branches slender, deciduously stellate-puberulous. *Leaves* thinly coriaceous, elliptic-oblong to oblong-lanceolate, sometimes slightly obovate, sub-acute or shortly and bluntly acuminate; the base cuneate, rarely rounded: upper surface glabrous, the midrib and nerves pubescent; the lower quite glabrous; main nerves 7 to 9 pairs, ascending, slightly prominent beneath: length 2·25 to 4·5 in., breadth 1·25 to 1·75 in., petiole ·25 to ·4 in. *Racemes* axillary, 1 to 1·5 in. long, sparsely scaly. *Flowers* ·4 in. long. *Calyx-lobes* ovate-lanceolate, puberulous. *Petals* oblong-elliptic, oblique, obtuse, puberulous outside. *Anthers* slightly and sharply apiculate. *Ovary* puberulous, stigma capitate. *Ripe fruit* globular, with a long curved apical beak, glabrous, about ·25 in. in diam. *Calyx-lobes* all accrescent, sub-equal, oblong, tapering slightly to the sub-obtuse apex, the base slightly auricled, thickly membranous, glabrous, 3-nerved, the longest about 1·3 in. long, and ·35 in. broad, loosely surrounding, and longer than, the fruit.

Perak; Scortechini, Wray, King's Collector; very common at low elevations.

In this species all the five calyx-lobes are accrescent and of nearly equal size. They are quite free from the ripe fruit, round which they form a loose semi-inflated investiture. Its nearest ally is *Vatica bancana*, Scheffer, (*Retinodendron bancanum*).

8. ISOPTERA, Scheffer.

A tall resinous tree. *Leaves* coriaceous, entire, feather-veined. *Flowers* in axillary or terminal panicles. *Calyx-tube* very short, the segments ovate-rotund, imbricate. *Stamens* 30 to 35, the anthers ovate, the cells divergent at the base, acute, the valves equal, the connective produced into an apical bristle-like appendage. *Ovary* 3-celled, the loculi bi-ovulate; the style short, terete, 3-angled at the apex. *Fruit* indehiscent, 1-seeded, the pericarp coriaceous. *Fruiting-calyx* an open cup not embracing the fruit; its lobes all slightly enlarged, spreading (not winged); the outer 3 rotund, broader than the 2 narrower inner lobes.

One species—Malayan.

1. *ISOPTERA BORNEENSIS*, Scheff. MSS. ex Burck in Ann. Bot. Jard. Buitenzorg VI, '222. A large tree: young branches slender, dark-coloured, sparsely lenticellate, glabrescent. *Leaves* coriaceous, oblong, sub-acute, slightly narrowed to the rounded base: upper surface glabrous except the puberulous midrib; the lower pale, glabrous; main

nerves 8 or 9 pairs, oblique, slightly curving, prominent beneath; length 4 to 5 in., breadth 1·75 to 2 in., petiole ·5 in. *Panicles* 4 to 6 in. long, stellate-pubescent; bractcoles caducous. *Flowers* shortly stalked. *Ocalyx-segments* minutely tomentose. *Petals* ·5 in. long, pale tomentose. *Stamens* 30 to 36, in 3 series, the filaments dilated at the base: anthers with equal valves. *Ovary* sericeous, style glabrous. *Ripe fruit* subglobose, acuminate, pale tomentose, about ·25 in. in diam.; fruiting-calyx forming a cup with a concave short tube embracing the fruit, the segments spreading, re-curved, the 3 outer ·65 in. in length and breadth, the 2 inner smaller. Heim, "Recherches sur les Dipterocarpaceés," p. 51.

Pahang: Ridley, No. 2626. DISTRIB. Bangka, Borneo.

Leaf-specimens of what appear to be this tree were collected by Mr. Wray (Herb. No. 3426) in Upper Perak.

9. BALANOCARPUS, Beddome.

Glabrous or puberulous, rarely scabrid, resinous trees, with inconspicuous fugaceous stipules. *Leaves* entire, coriaceous or membranous, penni-nerved. *Flowers* secund, sessile or shortly pedicelled. *Sepals* distinct or united at the base, imbricated, two quite external to the others; in fruit sub-equal, only slightly enlarged, woody, thickened, and forming a 5-lobed cup round the base of (but rarely enveloping) the fruit, not adnate to it and never expanding into wings. *Petals* elliptic, obliquely acuminate, the apices slightly inflexed in bud or not inflexed at all. *Stamens* 15, attached to the bases of the petals, in 3 rows; or 10 in 2 rows, sub-equal, the filaments much dilated at the base, the connective prolonged into a straight apical awn longer than the ovate anther. *Torus* flat. *Ovary* 3-celled, cells 2-ovuled, ovules collateral. *Style* short. *Stigma* minute, entire. *Fruit* oblong or sub-globose, apiculate; the pericarp ligneous or sub-ligneous. *Seed* solitary, erect; cotyledons fleshy, plano-concave, the larger 2- or 3-lobed, or entire; the radicle prominent. Southern Peninsular India, Malaya. Probably 12 species.

Leaves glabrous, smooth.

Leaves ovate-lanceolate or ovate, caudate-acuminate.

Stamens 15

Fruit entirely enveloped in the slight-

ly enlarged calyx ... 1. *B. Curtisii*.

Only the lower part of the fruit en-

veloped by the calyx ... 2. *B. penangianus*.

Stamens 10 ... 3. *B. anomalus*.

Leaves narrowly oblong, gradually narrowed to the acute apex.

Fruit 1·75 to 2·25 in. long: stamens 10 ... 4. *B. maximus*.

Fruit 1·5 in. long; leaves 4 to 6 in. long, with 9 or 10 pairs of bold parallel nerves ... 5. *B. Heimii*.

Fruit ·6 in. long: leaves 2·25 to 2·75 in. long, with 7 or 8 pairs of slightly prominent nerves ... 6. *B. Wrayi*.

Leaves stellate-pubescent, scabrid ... 7. *B. Hemsleyanus*.

1. *BALANOCARPUS CURTISII*, King. A tree 20 to 30 feet high: young branches slender, the bark dark-coloured, puberulous. *Leaves* membranous, ovate-lanceolate, bluntly caudate-acuminate, the base slightly cuneate: both surfaces glabrous, dull; main nerves 8 to 10 pairs, spreading, faint and scarcely more prominent than the secondary nerves; length 2 to 2·5 in., breadth ·75 to 1 in., petiole ·1 to ·15 in. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, shorter than the leaves, glabrescent, lax, each with a few 3- to 5-flowered spreading branches. *Flowers* secund, shortly pedicelled, ·15 in. long. *Sepals* distinct, sub-equal, thick, rotund-ovate, very obtuse, puberulous outside, glabrous inside, the edges slightly ciliate. *Petals* elliptic, obliquely shortly and bluntly acuminate, glabrescent inside, partly puberulous and partly glabrous outside. *Stamens* 15, in 3 rows, sub-equal; the filaments shorter than the anthers, dilated: anthers broadly elliptic, truncate, the connective produced into an apical awn longer than the stamen. *Ovary* cylindric, truncate, glabrous, the style short and stigma minute. *Fruit* smooth, globular, apiculate, crowned by the sub-sessile discoid stigma, enveloped by, but not adherent to, the slightly thickened sepals, ·25 to ·3 in. in diam. (calyx included).

Penang: Curtis, No. 1406. Perak: King's Collector, Nos. 3171, 3294, 6543; Wray, No. 2860.

2. *BALANOCARPUS PENANGIANUS*, King, n. sp. A tree 40 to 50 feet high: young branches slender, dark-coloured, lenticellate, slightly puberulous at the very tips. *Leaves* coriaceous, ovate-lanceolate or ovate-acuminate, often caudate-acuminate, the base slightly cuneate or almost rounded, the edges slightly undulate, both surfaces glabrous: main nerves 7 to 8 pairs, spreading and curving upwards, not prominent on either surface; length 1·75 to 4 in., breadth ·8 to 1·6 in., petiole ·25 to ·4 in. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, hoary-pubescent, many-flowered; the flowers secund, 7 to 9 on each lateral branchlet, pedicelled, ·15 to ·2 in. long. *Sepals* sub-equal, broadly ovate, sub-acute, yellowish-pulverulent, tomentose externally, glabrous internally. *Petals* oblong, obtuse, twisted and with the apices reflexed in aestivation, spreading

when expanded, minutely yellowish-pulverulent, tomentose outside, glabrous inside. *Stamens* 15, sub-equal: apical awn curved, longer than the anther. *Ovary* ovoid, narrowing upwards into the style; stigma minute. *Fruit* ovoid, very slightly apiculate, striate, pale pubescent, about '6 in. long and '3 in. in diam., the persistent calyx covering the lower third of the fruit, sub-glabrous, thickened and concave at the base; the teeth deltoid, spreading. *Richetia penangiana*, Heim in Bull. Soc. Linn. Paris, 1891, p. 980.

Penang: on Government Hill, at an elevation of about 1,000 feet, Curtis, Nos. 1429 and 1393; Hullett, No. 188; King's Collector, No. 1534. Perak: King's Collector, Nos. 3333, 3707.

The leaves of this species, although larger, resemble those of *B. Curtisi*: but the fruits of the two are quite different. One of Mr. Curtis' specimens, No. 429 (communicated from Kew), forms the type of a new genus called *Richetia*, which M. Heim has founded (l. c. p., 975, also in his "Recherches sur les Diptorocarpacees" p. 50), without having seen its flowers. I have retained for this M. Heim's specific name, while referring it to Beddome's older genus. The vernacular name of the species is *Dammar Etam*.

3. *BALANOCARPUS ANOMALUS*, King. A tree: young branches slender, dark-coloured, minutely lenticellate, the tips puberulous. *Leaves* coriaceous, ovate, acuminate; the base broad, sub-cuneate; both surfaces glabrous; main nerves 6 or 7 pairs, ascending, curving, not prominent: length 2.25 to 2.5 in., breadth 1 to 1.3 in., petiole '6 to '7 in. *Panicles* numerous, axillary and terminal, longer than the leaves, pubescent, their lateral branchlets bearing 6 to 8 sub-secund flowers. *Flowers* shortly pedicelled, '15 in. long. *Sepals* broadly ovate, connate at the base, obtuse, minutely tomentose outside, glabrous inside. *Petals* elliptic, blunt, yellowish adpressed-sericeous outside, glabrous inside, only about twice as long as the sepals, spreading and reflexed so as to expose the stamens and pistil. *Stamens* 10, in two rows; the filaments longer than the anthers, dilated; anther short, ovate, its connective produced into an apical awn as long as itself. *Ovary* ovoid, striate, pubescent, style short and thick, stigma small.

Kedah: Curtis, No. 1654.

Mr. Curtis is as yet the only collector of this, and his specimens have no fruit. I refer it to this genus, although its flowers differ from those of the other species known to me, in having petals only about twice as long as the sepals, spreading and reflexed so that the androgynœcium is quite exposed; and in having only 10 stamens. In other respects the specimens agree with *Balanocarpus*. Its vernacular name in Kedah is *Malaut*.

4. *BALANOCARPUS MAXIMUS*, King, n. sp. A tree 60 to 80 feet high : all parts except the inflorescence glabrous : young branches rather stout; the bark, loose, papery, lenticellate, pale. *Leaves* thinly coriaceous, oblong to elliptic-oblong, sub-acute, slightly narrowed to the rounded base; main nerves 7 to 9 pairs, slightly prominent beneath, the transverse veins slightly prominent when dry : length 5 to 7 in., breadth 2 to 2.5 in., petiole .5 to .6 in. *Panicles* axillary or terminal, about half as long as the leaves, few-flowered, minutely tomentose. *Flowers* subsessile, .6 or .7 in. long. *Sepals* broadly ovate, the outer two tomentose, the inner three more or less glabrous externally, all glabrous internally, the inner two with ciliate margins. *Petals* much longer than the sepals, narrowly oblong, the apex erose, expanded and concave at the base, adpressed-pubescent outside and towards the apex inside, otherwise glabrous. *Stamens* 10, in two rows; anthers with a deflexed terminal appendage from the connective. *Ovary* elongate, narrowly conical, sericeous. *Style* rather short, glabrous; stigma small. *Ripe fruit* cylindrical, tapering to each end but most to the apiculate apex; pericarp woody, striate, sub-glabrous, pale-brown when dry : 1.75 to 2.25 in. long, and .6 or .7 in. in diam. *Persistent sepals* fibrous, forming a toothed cup about .5 in. deep, embracing the base of the fruit.

Perak : King's Collector, Nos. 7987 and 8006.

The flowers of this fine species do not exactly answer to Beddome's diagnosis of the genus *Balanocarpus*, inasmuch as they have 10 instead of 15 stamens, and neither of the cotyledons is lobed. In other respects the flowers and fruit agree perfectly.

5. *BALANOCARPUS HEIMII*, King n. sp. A tree 50 to 60 feet high : young branches rather slender, the bark dark-coloured, puberulous or glabrescent. *Leaves* coriaceous, narrowly oblong, tapering to the acuminate apex, and slightly narrowed to the rounded base; upper surface glabrous, shining, the midrib minutely pubescent : lower surface glabrescent except the pubescent midrib and 9 or 10 pairs of ascending, bold, slightly-curving nerves : length 4 to 6 in., breadth 1 to 1.75 in.; petiole .3 or .4 in., with minute black tomentum. *Flowers* unknown. *Ripe carpels* cylindric, tapering to the apex, slightly narrowed to the base, 1.5 in. long and .5 in. in diam.; the pericarp woody, sub-glabrous, sub-striate, dark-coloured when dry. *Persistent sepals* sub-equal, puberulous, thickened, forming a 5-lobed cup .6 in. deep which embraces the base of the fruit. *Pierrea Penangiana*, Heim, MSS.

Penang : Curtis No. 273 (leaves only). Perak : King's Collector, No. 3718.

This tree, of which as yet only fruiting specimens have been found, so closely resembles the other Malayan species of *Balanocarpus* des-

cribed here, that I refer it without any hesitation to this genus. M. Curtis' leaf specimens of this have, I understand, received from M. Heim the MSS. name, *Pierrea penangiana*. The genus *Pierrea* has been founded by M. Heim (Bull. Soc. Linn. Paris, 1891, p. 958, and "Recherches sur les Dipterocarpacees", p. 78) on specimens of which the author has not (as he admits) had the advantage of seeing the flowers. The vernacular name of this tree in Penang is *Chengah*, and its timber is, according to Mr. Curtis, very valuable. In the State of Perak, on the mainland almost opposite Penang, another species (*B. Wrayi*) receives a similar vernacular name.

6. *BALANOCARPUS WRAYI*, King n. sp. A tree: young branches slender, dark-coloured, glabrous. *Leaves* coriaceous, narrowly oblong, gradually tapering from the middle to the acute apex; the base sub-cuncate or rounded, slightly unequal-sided: both surfaces glabrous; main nerves 7 or 8 pairs, curved, oblique, slightly prominent beneath: length 2·25 to 2·75 in., breadth ·75 in.; petiole ·25 in., transversely wrinkled. *Panicles* axillary and terminal, nearly as long as the leaves. *Flowers* unknown. *Fruit* ovoid, much apiculate, glabrous, ·6 in. long, covered in its lower two-thirds by the persistent sub-acrescent glabrous calyx; outer two sepals smaller than the others, elliptic, obtuse, the inner three rotund, all thickened and concave.

Perak: Wray, No. 813.

Collected only once and without flowers. According to Mr. Wray the timber of this tree is valuable, and its vernacular name is *Chingi*, or *Chingal*. I refer this (in spite of the absence of flowers) to *Balanocarpus*, the other species of which it so closely resembles.

7. *BALANOCARPUS HEMSLEYANUS*, King, n. sp. A tree 50 to 100 feet high: young branches rather stout, rough, minutely lenticellate, puberulous. *Leaves* coriaceous, elliptic-oblong, sometimes slightly obovate, shortly and abruptly acuminate, slightly narrowed to the rounded or sub-emarginate base: upper surface glabrous except the minutely tomentose midrib; the lower scabrid from minute rigid stellately hairy tubercles which are most abundant on the stout midrib and nerves: main nerves 18 to 20 pairs, oblique, parallel, very prominent on the lower, obsolete on the upper, surface; length 7 to 12 in., breadth 3·25 to 5 in.; petiole ·6 to ·9 in. scabrid, pubescent. *Panicles* axillary or terminal, 3 to 7 in. long, scurfy stellate-pubescent; flowers rather crowded on the lateral branchlets, ·5 in. long, *Sepals* sub-equal, broadly ovate, acute, yellowish-tomentose externally, glabrous internally, *Petals* twice as long as the sepals, or longer, elliptic, oblique, obtuse, glabrous except a broad adpressed-sericeous band externally. *Stamens* 15, in three rows: the filaments dilated, unequal, longer than

the shortly ovate anthers; apical connectival appendage deflexed, curved, longer than the anther. *Ovary* elongated-conic, tomentose, tapering into the sparsely puberulous style; stigma small. *Ripe fruit* narrowly ovoid, apiculate, pale brownish-tomentose, 1.25 to 1.5 in. long, and .75 to 1 in. in diam. *Persistent sepals* nearly equal, their bases thickened, woody, pubescent, and concave, forming an irregularly 5-toothed cup which embraces the lower half of the fruit. *Shorea Hemsleyana*, King MSS. in Herb. Calc.

Penang: Curtis No. 2512. Perak: King's Collector, Nos. 5431, 6670, and 7562. Scortechini No. 1653.

This is an altogether anomalous species. It has leaves like several of the scabrid species of *Shorea*, such as *S. eximia* and *S. leprosula*. Its flowers are also more like those of *Shorea* than *Balanocarpus*; but its fruit is essentially that of the latter genus, in which, not without hesitation, I include it.

10. PACHYNOCARPUS, Hook. fil.

Resinous trees with the leaves and flowers of *Vatica*, but with sometimes only ten stamens. *Fruit* ovoid-globose, umbonate at the apex, 1-celled, 1-seeded, the pericarp densely coriaceous, splitting vertically. *Calyx* with five equal segments, at first almost free from the fruit, but the tube gradually accrescent, much thickened and adnate to the fruit, and finally embracing the whole of it except the apex. *Seed* pendulous, testa thin and adherent to the endocarp, cotyledons very thick and fleshy.

Leaves elliptic to oblong-elliptic, sub-acute or

shortly and obtusely acuminate...

.. 1. *P. Wallichii*.

Leaves broadly-elliptic or obovale-elliptic, the

apex very blunt ...

...

... 2. *P. Stapfianus*.

Dr. Burret (in Ann. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg) expands the definition of the genus *Vatica* so as to include not only the closely allied *Synaptea*, but also the genera *Isauxis* W. A., *Retinodendron*, Korth., and *Pachynocarpus* Hook fil. To the union of *Synaptea* with *Vatica* I see no objection; for the whole difference between the two (as I have stated in a note under *Vatica*) consists in perfect freedom of the fruit in *Vatica* from the enlarged calyx, whereas in *Synaptea* there is a slight adhesion to the calyx at the very base. But for the inclusion of *Pachynocarpus*, I see no sufficient justification; for in this genus the calyx does not expand into membranous wings, but forms a dense fibro-cartilaginous cover for the fruit, which it tightly embraces, and to which it is quite adnate. As regards *Isauxis* and *Retinodendron*, they appear to me to be undistinguishable from each other by any but trivial marks, but they differ sufficiently in calyx from *Vatica* to be treated as a genus under the older name *Retinodendron*.

1. PACHYNOCARPUS WALLICHII, King. A tree 40 to 70 feet high: young branches deciduously scurfy-puberulous, their bark pale-brown, sparsely lenticellate. *Leaves* coriaceous, elliptic to oblong-elliptic,

sub-acute, or shortly and obtusely acuminate, the base cuneate; both surfaces glabrous, the lower pale and prominently reticulate when dry: main nerves 6 to 9 pairs, slightly prominent beneath, ascending; length 4·5 to 8 in., breadth 1·5 to 3 in., petiole; 4 to 6 in. *Panicles* crowded near the apices of the branches, many-flowered, 2 to 4 in. long. *Calyx-lobes* deltoid, minutely velvety outside. *Petals* linear-oblong, obtuse, puberulous externally. *Stamens* broadly ovoid, minutely but obtusely apiculate. *Ovary* puberulous: stigma sub-capitate, lobed. *Ripe fruit* ovoid-globose, about 75 in. in diam., closely embraced by the slightly shorter, much thickened, persistent, fibrous or woody, rugose, enlarged calyx-lobes. *V. Wallichii* Dyer in Journ. Bot. 1878 p. 154. *Vatica ruminata*, Burck in Ann. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg, VI, 227 t. 29, fig. 4.

Penang: Wallich, Cat. No. 9018; Curtis Nos. 1161, 1218, 1391. Malacca: Maingay No. 201. Trang, King's Collector. Johore, Hullett and King. Perak: common at low elevations, King's Collector, Scortechini. **DISTRIB.**, Bangka.

In the young stages of the fruit of this species the calyx is quite small and embraces only the very base of it, much as in *Isanuris*; but as the fruit expands the calyx grows, so that when ripe the fruit is, with the exception of its apex, closely embraced by the much thickened, lignified, obscurely toothed calyx-tube. This offers, therefore, a transition between *Isanuris* and *Pachynocarpus*. And, indeed, it is to the former section that Dyer refers it (Journ. Bot., l. c.), and to which Burck refers his *D. ruminata*, a species which authentic specimens shew to be identical with this. Dr. Burck's species, *Vatica verrucosa* (Ann. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg) appears also to come very near to this.

2. **PACHYNOCARPUS STAFFIANUS**, King, n. sp. A tree 80 to 100 feet high: young branches rather stout, scaly-pubescent at first, ultimately glabrous. *Leaves* coriaceous, broadly elliptic or obovate-elliptic, the apex broadly rounded, slightly narrowed to the rounded or sub-cuneate base: upper surface glabrous, shining, the lower paler, minutely and sparsely scurfy-puberulous on the midrib and nerves; main nerves 10 to 13 pairs, oblique, prominent on the lower, depressed on the upper, surface; length 5 to 8 in., breadth 2·75 to 4·5 in., petiole 65 to 1 in. *Flowers* unknown. *Ripe fruit* almost solitary, 2·5 to 3 in. long, on a woody raceme, globular, slightly apiculate, 1·25 in. diam., closely invested by the gamosepalous, 5-toothed, thickened, woody, rugose, glaberrulous calyx.

Perak: King's Collector, Nos. 5932 and 6132,

This very distinct species was first recognised as a *Pachynocarpus* by Dr. O. Stapf, of the Kew Herbarium, after whom I have named it. Its flowers are as yet unknown; but it is readily identified by its leaves.

11. *ANCISTROCLADUS*, Wall.

Smooth climbing shrubs with short supra-axillary, often arrested and circinately-hooked, branches. *Leaves* usually in terminal tufts, coriaceous, entire, reticulately feather-veined; exstipulate. *Flowers* usually small, very caducous, in terminal or lateral panicles. *Calyx-tube* at first short, adnate to the base of the ovary, its lobes imbricate, finally turbinate and adnate to the fruit, with the lobes unequally enlarged, spreading and membranous. *Stamens* 5 or 10, subperigynous. *Ovary* 1-celled, inferior; style sub-globose, persistent; *Stigmas* 3, erect, compressed, truncate, deciduous. Ovule solitary, erect or laterally affixed. *Seed* sub-globose, testa prolonged into the ruminations of the copious fleshy albumen; embryo short, straight; cotyledons short, divergent.—*DISTRIB.* Except *A. guineensis* in W. Tropical Africa, confined to Tropical Asia and the Indian Archipelago. Species about 10.

I follow the authors of the *Genera Plantarum* and the *Flora of British India* in including *Ancistrocladus* in *Dipterocarpaceæ*. I venture, however, to think that it would be better to keep it as the type of a distinct Natural Order as MM. Planchon and De Candolle have done: for its characters do not fit well into the diagnosis of any other Order

1. *ANCISTROCLADUS EXTENSUS*, Wall. Cat. 1052. *Leaves* obovate or obovate-oblong, blunt or sub-acute, much narrowed at the base; panicles dichotomous, about half as long as the leaves: fruit smooth or slightly 5-ridged; accrescent calyx-lobes oblanceolate, obtuse. Planch. in Ann. Sc. Nat. Ser. 3, XIII, 318. DC. Prodr. XVI, 2, 602; Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 299. *Ancistrolobus* sp. Griff. Notul. IV, 568, t. 605. fig. 2.

Andaman Islands. *DISTRIB.* Burmah.

Var. *pinangianus*; leaves sometimes oblanceolate-oblong, acute or sub-acuminate: panicles slender, lax, about as long as the leaves. *Ancistrocladus pinangianus*, Wall. Cat. 1054. Planchon in Ann. Sc. Nat. Ser. 3, XIII, 318; A. DC. Prodr. XVI, 2, 603; Dyer in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 300.

Penang: Porter. Malacca: Maingay. (Kew Distrib.) No. 200. Singapore and Perak: King's Collectors. *DISTRIB.* Bangka, Sumatra, Burmah.

On some Newly-recorded Corals from the Indian Seas, by A. ALCOCK,
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Plate V.

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As so little has been written about the coral fauna of the seas within the limits of the Indian peninsulas, the following account of the corals dredged in recent years by the "Investigator," and by the late Professor Wood-Mason, may be of interest.

No reference is made in this paper to the true reef-forming corals.

FAMILY TURBINOLIDÆ.

FLABELLUM, LESSON.

1. *Flabellum stokesi*, Edw. & Haime, Moseley.

Flabellum stokesi, *Flabellum oweni*, *Flabellum aculeatum*, *Flabellum spinosum*, all of Milne-Edwards and Haime, Hist. Nat. des Coralliaires, vol. ii. pp. 96, 87 and 88.

Flabellum variable, Semper, Z. Wiss. Zool., vol. xxii, 1872, p. 245.

Flabellum stokesi, Moseley, Challenger Deep-sea Madreporaria, p. 172.

This species, not hitherto recorded in the Indian Fauna, is common from Ceylon, along the east coast of India, to the Andaman Islands, at depths of from 20 to 30 fathoms. The numerous specimens dredged by Professor Wood-Mason in the Andaman Sea, and by the "Investigator" elsewhere, fully bear out Professor Semper's views as to the identity of all the four species of MM. Milne-Edwards and Haime above-cited. Undoubtedly Professor Semper's name for the species is very appropriate; but, as Professor Moseley says, it is necessary to retain one of the original names, and he has selected the specific designation *stokesi* as being least likely to lead to error.

ACANTHOCYATHUS, Edw. & Haime.

2. *Acanthocyathus grayi*, Edw. & Haime.

Acanthocyathus grayi, Milne-Edwards and Haime, Hist. Nat. des Corall., vol. ii. p. 22.

This species was described by MM. Milne-Edwards and Haime as of "patrie inconnue:" I have little hesitation in identifying with it a single specimen dredged by Professor Wood-Mason in the Andaman Sea.

PARACYATHUS, Edw. & Haime.

3. *Paracyathus indicus*, Duncan, var. nov. *gracilis*. Vido Duncan, Journ. Linn. Soc., Zool., vol xxi. 1889, p. 3.

The type of this species, which was brought by Dr. Anderson from Mergui, is in the Indian Museum, and I have now to record a distinct variety from the Bombay coast. This variety is characterized by its greater delicacy, and by the form of the corallum, which is subturbinate with a long slender pedicle.

4. *Paracyathus caratus*, n. sp. Pl. V figs. 1. 1a., very near *Paracyathus crassus*, Edw. & Haime.

Corallum with a broad encrusting base, gently expanding into a low, slightly curved, sub-circular calice.

Costæ distinct from the basal encrustment, finely and distantly granular, every alternate one conspicuously salient.

Calice sub-circular, open, deep: the marginal axes in the same plane.

The finely and distantly granular septa are in five incomplete crowded cycles, and do not project far into the calice; those of the first three cycles are exsert. Those of the incomplete fifth cycle are small, and unite with those of the fourth cycle just below the calicular margin, while those of the fourth cycle unite with those of the third deep down in the calyx. The pali are in the form of numerous strong salient and very regular denticulations of the septal margins,—excluding those of the last cycle: those of the primary septa are much the most distinct, not because they are larger but because they are isolated.

The columella is very small, deeply-seated and concave, consisting of numerous minute close-set papillæ.

The tips of the septa are coloured pale madder-brown.

Greatest height of corallum 9 mm., major diameter of calice 11 mm., minor diameter of calice 10 mm., diameter of basal constriction 7 mm.

From the Persian Gulf.

The species is characterized by the very distinct alternately-salient costæ, by the deep hollow calice into which the septa project but little, and by the isolation of the series of strong paliform teeth opposite the septa of the first cycle.

5. *Paracyathus fulvus*, n. sp. Plato V, figs. 2. 2a., near *Paracyathus crassus*, Edw. & H.

Corallum low, with an extensively encrusting base, and a short stout gently curved cylindrical peduncle which expands gradually into a circular slightly drooping calice.

Costæ indistinct at the base but gradually becoming distinct near

the margin of the calice, where they are broad, finely granular and in all respects uniform.

The circular calice is open and moderately deep, with the marginal axes on the same plane.

The septa, which are in six systems, are exsert, with blunted slightly crenulated edges and distantly granular surfaces. Those of the first cycle are particularly distinct, being larger and stouter than those of any of the other cycles, projecting more into the calice, and being more exsert beyond the margin. The quaternaries unite with the tertiaries near the columella. The pali have the form of stout granular pinnacles in three crowns, decreasing in size from without inwards, before all the septa but those of the last cycle.

The columella is small circular and slightly concave, and consists of numerous crowded granules.

In the type specimen the height of the corallum is 12.5 mm., the diameter of the calice 10.5 mm., and the diameter of the peduncle 7 mm.

The septa and pali are of a permanent tawny-brown colour.

The specimens in the Museum came from the telegraph cable in the Persian Gulf.

The distinctive characters of this species are the marked predominance of the primary septa, and the definition and regularity of the pali.

6. *Paracyathus porphyreus*, n. sp. Plate V, figs. 3. 3a, near *Paracyathus pulchellus*, Edw. & H.

Corallum with an encrusting base, above which it is suddenly constricted to again gradually expand into a slightly drooping, turbinate calice.

Costæ distinct from the base, equal, finely granular, depressed.

The calice is slightly elliptical, with marginal axes almost on the same plane: it is deep, but its cavity is about two-thirds filled by the septa.

The septa, which are crowded and exsert, are in four complete cycles in the young, with an incomplete fifth cycle in older examples: they have sharp and slightly crenulated edges and coarsely granular surfaces: those of the first two cycles are the most exsert: those of the fourth cycle unite with those of the third deep down in the calice behind the outer crown of pali.

The pali, which are in two crowns, are tall and large, those which stand opposite the tertiary septa being much the largest: the two crowns of pali, as seen from above, form a broad ring within the calice, very distinctly delimited both from the septa and from the columella.

The very deeply seated columella is large and concave, and consists of numerous close-set, blunt pinnacles.

In the type specimen the height of the corallum is 11·5 mm., the major diameter of the calice 10 mm. and the minor diameter 8 mm., and the diameter of the pedicel 5 mm.

The septa, pali, and columella are of a dull purple-black colour.

Dredged off the Arrakan Coast by the "Investigator":.

The distinctive characters of this species are (1) the delicacy of the calice wall in comparison with the stoutness of the septa and pali, (2) the large size of the pali and the very distinct definition of the palar zone, and (3) the punched-out appearance of the deep-seated columella.

HETEROCYATHUS, Edw. & Haime.

7. *Heterocyathus equicostatus*, Edw. & Haime.

Heterocyathus equicostatus, Milne-Edwards and Haime, Hist. Nat. des Corall., vol. ii, p. 51.

Numerous specimens were dredged by Professor Wood-Mason in the Andaman Sea. Every specimen has the base perforated and tunnelled for the residence of a worm, which no doubt lives as a commensal with the coral zoophyte, as I shall be able to show in the parallel case of *Heteropsammia*.

8. *Heterocyathus philippensis*, Semper.

Heterocyathus philippensis, Semper, Zeitschr. Wiss. Zool., vol. xxii 1872, p. 254, taf. xx. figs 12–14.

Two specimens were dredged by Professor Wood-Mason in the Andaman Sea.

9. *Heterocyathus wood-masoni*, n. sp. Plate V, figs. 4. 4a.

The corallum is either low and discoid, or if it is higher it is so faintly and truncately conical that the diameter of the base is not much greater than that of the shallow plane calice.

The costæ, which begin on the flat basal surface near its margin, are equal, regular and very finely granular, and are separated from one another by deep incisions.

The calice is circular and quite flat, except for a central umbilication which marks the columella.

The septa are in four cycles, of which those of the third cycle are by far the smallest, while the primary septa along with the nearest quaternary of the adjoining half-system on each side are the largest. The six large primary septa with their large quaternary on each side thus form a six-rayed star, each ray consisting of three equal segments—namely a primary septum with a quaternary on each side of it.

The septa are hardly exsert, and they resemble the costæ, with which they are continuous, in being finely and uniformly granular.

Pali, in the form of series of very small denticles, stand before the primary and secondary septa, and also before the united margins of the tertiaries and quaternaries of each half-system.

The columella is distinct and consists of contorted granules. Dredged by Professor Wood-Mason in the Andaman Sea. Every specimen, as in the case of *H. æquicostatus* and *H. philippensis*, is perforated and tunnelled in the base by a worm.

The distinctive characters of this species are (1) the circular calicle almost or quite equal to the base in diameter, and not separated from the base by any constriction whatever, (2) the equivalence in size of the primary septa with the quaternaries standing immediately on each side, and (3) the small size of the pali.

DISCOTROCHUS, Edw. & Haime.

10. *Discotrochus investigatoris*, n. sp. Plate V, figs. 5. 5a.

Corallum discoid, thick and coarse. The almost horizontal base culminates in a coarse scar from which very distinct coarsely granular costæ radiate, the costæ being equally distinct throughout their course and all of uniform size.

The calice is very shallow.

The septa, which are in four cycles, are slightly exsert, with thick coarsely spinate or dentate edges: those of the first cycle are the most prominent, and those of the third cycle the least so, but the difference in size between any of the cycles is not very marked.

The columella consists of a few papillæ.

Diameter of disk 8 mm., greatest thickness 2 mm.

The single specimen was dredged by the 'Investigator' off the Arrakan Coast, and appears to be a denuded fossil.

Its possible fossil character is supported by the fact that, as Professor Wood-Mason informed me, fossil Crustacea were dredged either at or very near the same place during the same surveying season. The exact spot at which the coral was dredged was off the Islands of Rámree and Cheduba.

In relation to the possible fossil nature of this species I may refer to two papers in the *Records of the Geological Survey of India*, vol. ix. ("On the Mud Volcanoes of Rámri and Cheduba" by F. R. Mallet, F. G. S., p. 188, and "On the Mineral Resources of Rámri, Cheduba, and the adjacent Islands," by the same author, p. 207), to which my attention has been very kindly directed by Mr. T. H. Holland of the Geological Survey.

In these papers there is notice of historical evidence of the recent elevation of the land in this vicinity and along with it of much recent coral.

The rocks of this region appear from Mr. Mallet's observations to consist (1) of petroliferous shales and sandstones with nodules and strangulated beds of impure limestone and with shallow seams of lignite and coal, and (2) of minutely crystalline grey limestone,—all the strata being very irregular and being generally steeply inclined: as regards age the conclusion appears to be that they are Eocene Tertiary (Nummulitic) though the possibility is noted that some may be Cretaceous.

POLYCYATHUS, Duncan.

12. *Polycyathus andamanensis*, n. sp. Pl. V, figs. 6. 6a.

The colony is large enough to cover a *Conus* shell, 70 mm. in length, with a thin spongy crust. The corallites are small, very short, cylindrical, and are placed close together.

The costæ are distinct from the basal encrustment upwards, are alternately salient, and are usually covered with a white, vitreous epitheca.

The calices are open, shallow, and either circular or slightly elliptical. The septa, which are in four nearly complete cycles, are slightly and irregularly exsert: they are nearly equal in size and are coarsely granular.

The pali, which are in the form of strong denticulations, are distinct before all the septa.

The small deep-seated columella consists of a few small close papillæ.

The height of the corallites ranges from 2 to 3 mm., and the diameter of their calice from 3 to 7 mm.

The encrusting base and the epitheca are of a porcelain white, as are the tips of the septa; the calice wall, the septa, pali and columella being of a purple-black colour.

Dredged in the Andaman Sea by Professor Wood-Mason.

FAMILY OCULINIDÆ.

LOPHOBELIA, Edw. & Haime.

11. *Lophobelia*, sp.

Several dead branches of a species so eroded as not to be exactly determinable were dredged by the "Investigator" off the Konkan Coast in 446 fathoms.

I mention it as being the first observed occurrence of this family in Indian waters.

FAMILY EUPSAMMIDÆ.

BALANOPHYLLIA, Searles Wood, Duncan.

13. *Balanophyllia scabra*, n. sp. Pl. V, figs. 7. 7a.

Corallum simple, large, stoutly pedunculate, and gradually expanding, with a slight curve, into an elliptical calice.

The costæ, which are distinct from the base, are equal in size, uniform, and closely and conspicuously dentate.

The elliptical calice is deep.

The septa, which are crowded and very thin, are in five cycles, of which the last is not complete. Those of the first and second cycles are of equal predominant size and are slightly exsert. The quaternaries, especially those immediately adjoining the large septa of the first and second cycles, are larger than the ternaries, and unite with them not far from the columella. In those quarter-systems in which a fifth cycle of septa is developed these unite with the septa of the fourth cycle not far below the calicular margin, and the quinary nearest the large septa of the first and second cycles becomes the largest of the united triad. The edges of all the septa except those of the two first cycles are either ragged or cut into deep serrations, the teeth nearest the columella standing upwards like pali.

The columella is well-developed, spongy, and either plane or concave.

In the type specimen the greatest height of the corallum is 26 mm., the major diameter of the calice 21 mm., and the minor diameter 15 mm.

Dredged by Professor Wood-Mason in the Andaman Sea.

EUPSAMMIA, Edw. & Haimc.

14. *Eupsammia regulis*, n. sp. Pl. V, figs. 8., 8a.

Corallum simple, free with traces of former adhesion, curved, cornute, compressed.

Costæ distinct in the upper two-thirds of the corallum, occasionally trifurcating, united at regular intervals across the deepish intercostal incisions by horizontal spicules.

Calice elliptical with the major marginal axis on a slightly lower plane than the minor, deep, open.

The septa are in five cycles, of which the last is not complete, and are exsert. Those of the first two cycles are of equally predominant size and stoutness, while those of the other cycles are smaller and diminish in size in order, except that in the quarter-systems in which a fifth cycle is developed the quinary septum immediately adjoining the primary is larger than its neighbour of the fourth cycle.

The quinaries unite with the quaternaries much nearer to the columella than to the calicular margin, and close to the columella the quaternaries unite with the tertiaries.

All the septa are thick, spongy and perforate at their exsert tips and near the wall of the calice, but they soon become thin and dense with surfaces so finely granular as to appear quite smooth to the naked eye.

The columella is broad, spongy, and strongly convex.

The colour of the corallum is white, of the soft parts bright scarlet.

The greatest height of the corallum is 27.5 mm., the major diameter of the calice 25 mm., and the minor diameter 17.5 mm.

Dredged by the "Investigator," off Ceylon, in 32 fathoms.

HETEROPSAMMIA, Edw. & Haime.

15. *Heteropsammia geminata*, Verrill.

Heteropsammia geminata, Verrill, American Journal of Science and Arts, second series, vol. xlix. 1870, p. 370. fig. 1.

About two hundred and fifty specimens were dredged by Professor Wood-Mason in the Andaman Sea. All have the base perforated and tunnelled.

16. *Heteropsammia rotundata*, Semper.

Heteropsammia rotundata, Semper, Zeitschr. Wiss. Zool., vol. xxii. 1870, p. 265, taf. xx, fig. 10.

I refer to this species several specimens from the Persian Gulf presented by Mr. W. T. Blandford, F.R.S.

17. *Heteropsammia aphrodes*, n. sp. Pl. V, figs. 9, 9a. Near *Heteropsammia ovalis*, Semper.

Corallum with a single calice, the wall formed of a fine lace-like reticulum (not spongy as in other species).

Calice oval and deep, its major diameter being not much less than that of the base—the basal "spur" excluded.

Septa in four beautifully regular and complete cycles. Those of the first two cycles are of equally predominant size, are exsert, and are very thick, inflated, spongy, and porose, even up to their edges. Those of the fourth cycle are rather larger than those of the third, and unite in front of them, with beautiful symmetry, near the columella.

The deeply seated columella is well developed, and is slightly concave.

The greatest height of an average corallum is 10 mm., with a calice having a major diameter of 10 mm., and a minor diameter of 8 mm.

Numerous living specimens were dredged by the "Investigator" off the Ganjam Coast, at a depth of 20–25 fathoms, and every one of them was provided with a commensal Sipunculoid worm.

With specimens kept alive for a short time on board it was observed that the worm was able to propel the coral in a rapid series of short jerky spiral movements.

The movements were performed with great ease, and there appears to be little doubt that we have here to do with a true case of commensalism, in which the worm serves the polyp as a locomotive agent, while the polyp affords particularly effectual protection—owing to its power of urtication—to the worm. As Professors Moseley and Semper observed in their species of *Heteropsammia*, the worm lives in a tunnel hollowed out of the coral-tissue, and no traces of any adventitious shell can be discovered forming a core.

In addition to the aperture for the exit of the worm, which is found in a special spur-like process of the base of the corallum, the side of the corallum about half way up is ringed with small punctures. Similar punctures are found in the coralla of other species of *Heteropsammia* and also *Heterocyathus*, and Professor Moseley regarded them as respiratory apertures for the use of the commensal worm.

DENDROPHYLLIA, Edw. & Haime.

18. *Dendrophyllia* sp.

From the Orissa Coast, at 10 fathoms, we have a bush-shaped colony of long slender cylindrical corallites resembling *Dendrophyllia gracilis*, Edw. & Haime, in all respects except in the form of the columella which is very strongly convex, in some cases almost styliform, instead of being plane.

CÆNOPSAMMIA, Edw. & Haime.

19. *Cænopsammia* sp.

From the Arrakan, Orissa and Ganjam Coasts respectively, we have three species of *Cænopsammia* of the type of *C. urvillii*, Edw. & Haime, the colonies being in massive tufts from which the units of the colony project little or not at all.

I consider it better not to name any of these species until we have more material for comparison.

RHODOPSAMMIA, Semper.

20. *Rhodopsammia carinata*, Semper.

Rhodopsammia carinata, Semper, Zeitschr. Wiss. Zool., vol. xxii. 1872, p. 257, taf. xix. fig. 6.

Numerous specimens were dredged by Professor Wood-Mason in the Andaman Sea, and by the "Investigator" off Ceylon in 32 fathoms.* The gemmation from the calicular margin is well seen in both series of specimens.

21. *Rhodopsammia socialis*, Semper.

Rhodopsammia socialis, Semper, tom. cit., p. 260, taf. xx. fig. 1-14.

Several specimens were dredged along with *R. carinata*, both in the Andaman Sea and off Ceylon. Among them is a specimen showing budding to the third generation.

FAMILY FUNGIDÆ.

CYCLOSERIS Edw. & Haimo.

22. *Cycloseris mycoides*, n. sp. Pl. V, fig. 10.

Corallum almost circular, gently convex, with a flat or slightly concave base, from the centre of which close-set, equidistant, alternately, unequal costæ radiate—the larger ones being finely lamellar, while the alternate smaller ones are composed of a single series of fine granules.

The septa, which are in seven very regular and complete cycles, are close-set and convex, with very finely and evenly denticulate edges and very finely and striately granular surfaces. Those of the first two cycles are of equally predominant size and touch the columella, while those of the last two cycles do not reach half-way to the columella. Those of the fifth cycle unite together in each quarter-system in front of their quaternary, the united pairs then showing a tendency to further unite in each half-system in front of their tertiary.

The central fossa is long, narrow, and moderately deep, and lodges a narrow loosely reticulate columella.

The synapticalæ are numerous and coarse.

In an average specimen the major diameter of the corallum is 23·5 mm., and the minor diameter 23 mm.

Dredged by Professor Wood-Mason in the Andaman Sea.

This species differs from *Cycloseris cyclolites*, with which I have compared it, in the much greater delicacy regularity and symmetry of all its parts: it appears to be near *Cycloseris sinensis*, Edw. & H., and *Cycloseris discus*, Quelch.

DIASERIS, Edw. & Haimo.

23. *Diaseris distorta*, Edw. & Haimo.

Diaseris distorta, Milne Edwards and Haimo, Hist. Nat. des Corall., vol. iii. p. 55, pl. D. 12, fig. 4.

Several specimens were dredged by Professor Wood-Mason in the Andaman Sea.

24. *Diaseris freycineti*, Edw. & Haimo.

Diaseris freycineti, Milne-Edwards and Haimo, Hist. Nat. des Corall., vol. iii. p. 55; and Semper, Zeitschr. Wiss. Zool., vol. xxii., 1872, p. 269, taf. xxi. fig. 1.

Several specimens dredged by Professor Wood-Mason in the Andaman Sea. In all the specimens, except two very young ones, the corallum is tunnelled apparently by a worm, just as in *Heterocyathus* and *Heteropsammia*, except that the aperture for the exit of the worm instead of being on the base is at one side of the oral fossa.

Before going on to describe a new species of the genus *Diaseris*, I must here remark that our beautiful series of *Diaseris freycineti*, and of the species about to be described do not support Mr. Quelch's opinion that the species of *Diaseris* are merely the results of the fracture and repair of *Cycloseris*.

25. *Diaseris fragilis*, n. sp. Pl. V, fig. 11.

The corallum is flat and very thin. In its youngest stage the corallum is almost circular with a triangular lobe breaking through an arc of about 90° of its circumference and projecting to form a sector of a much larger circle.

This lobe appears with age to spread round the original disk until this in turn becomes a small lobe occupying not much more than 50° of the circumference of the grown coral.

The full-grown coral forms an irregular ellipse divided into four lobes in opposite pairs, one pair being large (each lobe with a margin equal to about 180° of the entire circumference), and the other pair being small (each lobe with a margin extending through about 55° of the entire circumference). The lobes are very distinctly delimited up to the very centre of the corallum, which has the appearance of being composed of four artificially cemented pieces.

The costæ are in the form of very close delicate granular striations, alternately unequal.

The septa, which appear to be in eight cycles in six irregular systems, are thin with very finely and evenly serrate edges and granular surfaces: they are usually low, but the primaries and secondaries are unequally elevated near the fossa.

The synapticulæ near the centre are coarse, close and equidistant, and form regularly concentric circles, as in *Bathyactis*, throughout the interseptal chambers: near the margin they are much more delicate, and are not equidistant.

The fossa is conspicuous and a columella is usually absent, although sometimes a few distant papillæ are visible.

The largest specimen measures 50 mm. in the major diameter and 41 mm. in the minor and is not more than 6.5 mm. in height to the tip of the highest septum.

Dredged in the Andaman Sea by Professor Wood-Mason.

BATHYACTIS, Moseley.

26. *Bathyactis stephanus*, n. sp. Pl. V, figs. 12, 12a.

Corallum very thin and fragile, circular, strongly convex, the base forming an inverted bowl. The costæ radiate from the centre and gradually become laminar or crested as they approach the margin: the primaries are the most distinct.

Septa in six regular systems and five complete cycles arranged exactly as in *Bathyactis symmetrica*. Those of the first three cycles are foliaceous, with crenulated surfaces and irregularly lobate edges.

Synapticulæ distinct in ten to twelve zones, which though fairly regularly concentric do not at once attract the eye by this character as they do in *Bathyactis symmetrica*. Columella distinct, umbilicated.

Diameter of corallum 34 mm., its greatest height from margin of base to the tips of the tallest foliaceous primary septa 17 mm.

The colour of the soft parts is a ruddy mauve.

Four specimens from the Bay of Bengal off the Kistna Delta in 678 fathoms.

EXPLANATION OF THE PLATE.

Figs. 1, 1a, *Paracyathus cavatus*, natural size;

Figs. 2, 2a, *Paracyathus fulvus*, natural size;

Figs. 3, 3a, *Paracyathus porphyreus*, natural size;

Figs. 4, 4a, *Heterocyathus wood-masoni*, natural size;

Figs. 5, 5a, *Discotrochus investigatoris*, enlarged five times;

Figs. 6, 6a, *Polycyathus andamanensis*, natural size;

Figs. 7, 7a, *Balanophyllia scabra*, natural size;

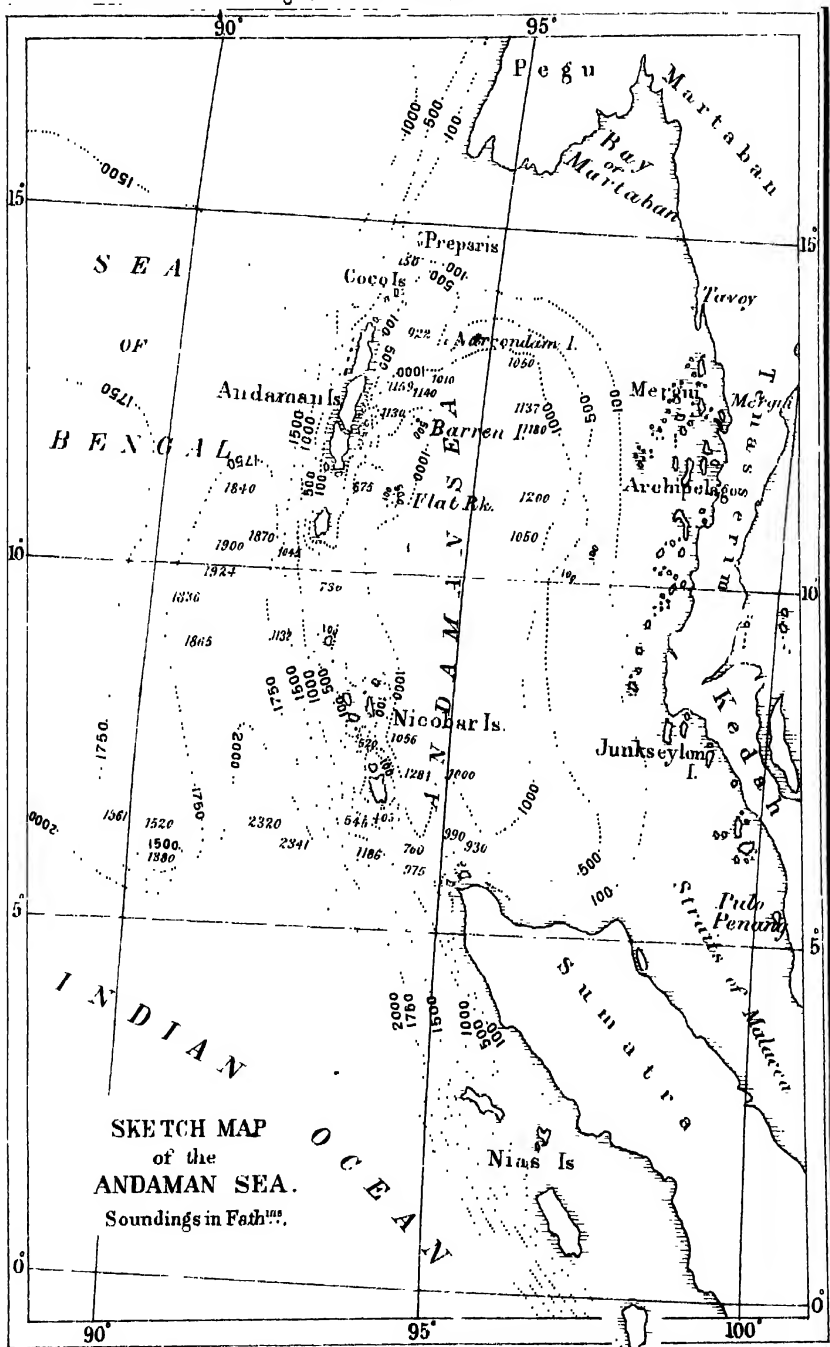
Figs. 8, 8a, *Eupsammia regalis*, natural size;

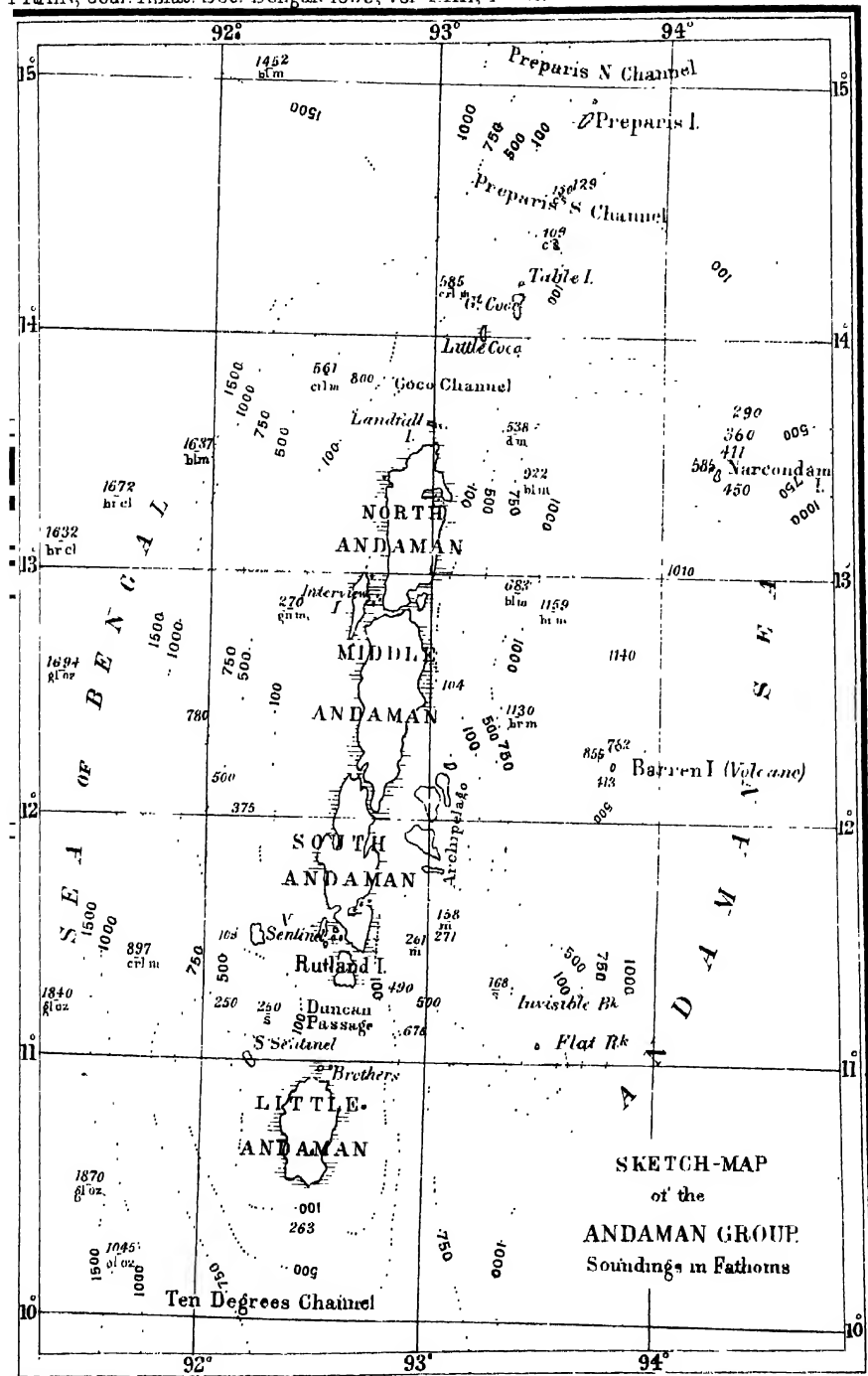
Fig. 9, *Heteropsammia aphrodes*, natural size; and 9a, viewed from above, enlarged twice;

Fig. 10, *Cycloseris mycoides*, natural size;

Fig. 11, *Diaseris fragilis*, natural size;

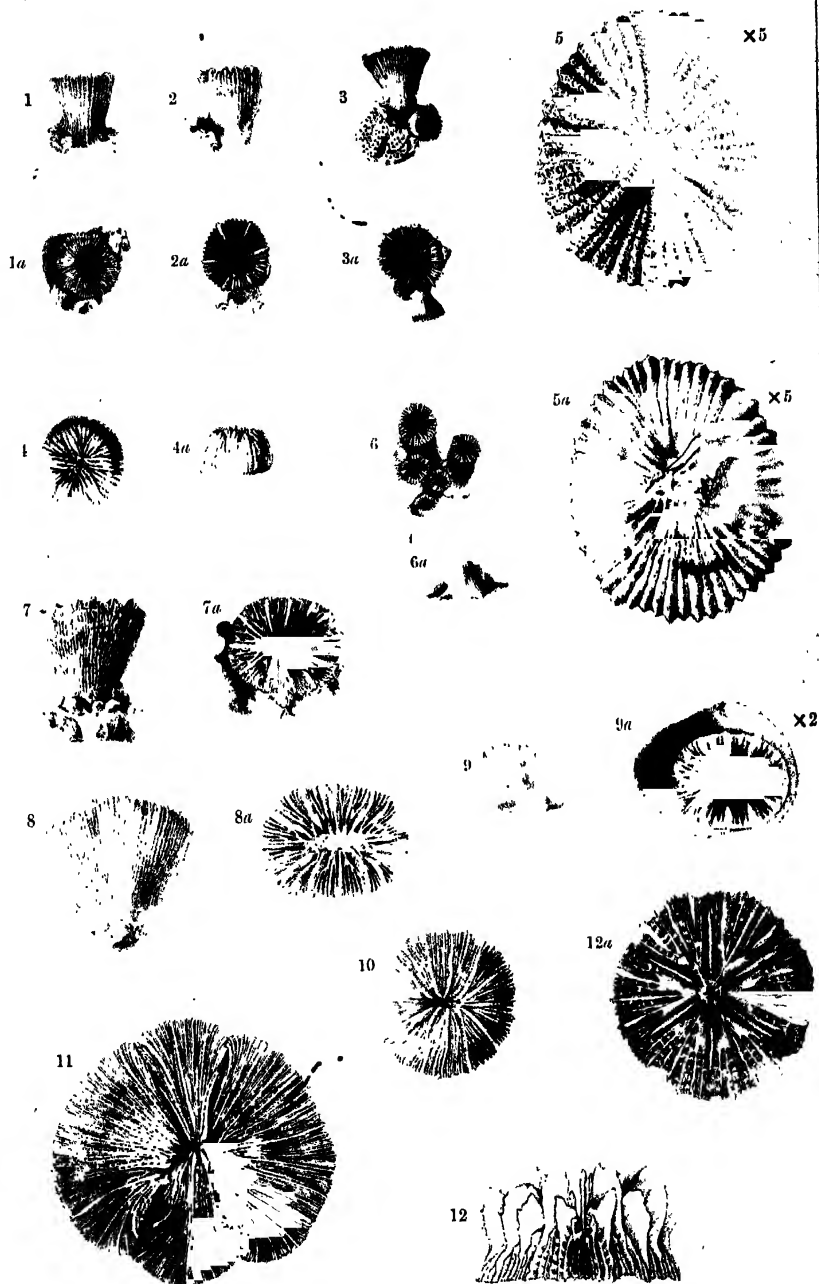
Figs. 12, 12a, *Bathyactis stephanus*, natural size.





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*On some Actiniaria from the Indian Seas. By A. ALCOCK, M.B.,
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In this short paper I propose to notice only the two aberrant Tribes,
Zoanthææ and *Cerianthineæ*.

I. ZOANTHÆÆ.

The *Zoanthææ* are a tribe of sea-anemones distinguished, according to the limitations of R. Hertwig in his Report on the 'Challenger' *Actiniaria*, where full references are given, by the possession of septa of two kinds—larger septa (*macrosepta*) which alone bear mesenteric filaments and reproductive organs, and smaller septa (*microsepta*) which are sterile.

The *Zoanthææ* include two families—the *Zoanthidæ* which are peculiar among all sea-anemones in forming colonies of which the units are connected together by a canaliculated coenenchyma, and the *Sphenopidæ* which are solitary in the sense that the individuals are not morphologically connected, but appear to be gregarious in habit.

The majority of the *Zoanthææ* are characterized by the possession of a thick test very homogeneously compacted of small grains of sand.

The following genera and species occur in the Indian Seas, and are represented in the collection of the Indian Museum :—

FAMILY Zoanthidæ.

ZOANTHUS, Cuv.

1. *Zoanthus confertus*, Verrill.

This species was dredged by the "Investigator," the exact locality being uncertain, but probably off the Pegu coast.

2. *Zoanthus solanderi*, Lesueur.

This species occurs at Galle.

EPIZOANTHUS, Verrill.

3. *Epizoanthus stellaris*, R. Hertwig.

Two species of *Epizoanthus* very commonly occur in the Andaman Sea, at depths of 200 to 500 fathoms, encrusting the anchor-ropes of the glass-rope sponges (*Hyalonema*): one of them appears to be identical with the above-named species from the Philippine Sea.

FAMILY Sphenopidæ.

SPHENOPUS, Steenstrup.

4. *Sphenopus marsupialis*, (Gmelin).

This species is very common in shallow water all along the eastern coast of India, especially on the soft muddy bottom at the debouchement of the great rivers.

I can never recollect dredging it except in mass, and this seems to point to the conclusion that it is gregarious.

5. *Sphenopus arenaceus*, R. Hertwig.

We have six specimens from the Sandheads.

It is readily distinguished from *S. marsupialis* by the cylindrical body, by the thinner test, by the double row of tentacles, by the less powerful oral sphincter, and by the character of the œsophageal groove which although very distinct is not such a deep-cut channel as it is in *S. marsupialis*.

6. *Sphenopus arenaceus*, var. *barnettii*.

I propose to notice separately a variety in which there is a constant difference in external form, the oral end of the body being inflated, while the lower part forms a long vermiform peduncle. The external appearance, in short, approaches the figure of *Sphenopus pedunculatus*, Erdmann, R. Hertwig, in vol. xxvi of the 'Challenger' Reports Actiniaria, Suppl., Pl. I., fig 11.

The variety comes from the Sandheads, where it was dredged by Mr. Barnett.

II. CERIANTHINEÆ.

The *Cerianthineæ* are distinguished from other sea-anemones (R. Hertwig, 'Challenger,' Reports, vol. vi, p. 123) in having the septa unpaired.

CERANTHUS, Delle Chiaje.

7. *Cerianthus andamanensis*, n. sp.

The body is loosely encased, up to the outer tentacular crown, in a soft sheath of a dull cinnamon-brown colour, the oral disk between the two crowns of tentacles is of the same colour but lighter, and the tentacles with the central part of the oral disk are creamy white.

The tentacles of the outer crown are very thick-set, and number about 160; those of the inner crown are not nearly so thick-set, and number hardly half as many.

The septa and mesenteric filaments extend to the bottom of the gastral cavity.

The base is perforated centrally.

Three specimens from Port Blair. In the contracted state the shape of the body is beautifully caryophyllaceous, and the length of the largest specimen is a little short of four inches—(99 millim.) This species appears to be very close to *Cerianthus americanus*, Verrill, which it approaches in size, judging from the magnitude of the spirit specimens.

Note on some methods of preparing botanical specimens, communicating Memoranda by MESSRS. C. MARIES, F.L.S., *and* R. PANTLING.—*By* D. PRAIN, M.B.

[Read June 5th.]

Usually the preparation of botanical specimens is easy; some natural families, however, give a good deal of trouble. Those who have private herbaria are as interested to hear of improved methods of treating such families, as are those who look after public collections. The writer, therefore, would call general attention to modes of dealing with three troublesome families—*Magnoliaceæ*, *Coniferæ* and *Orchidaceæ*.

I. MAGNOLIACEÆ. The *Champak* family is not troublesome to preserve as to the leaves, but the flowers are apt to go to pieces. If, however, pieces of blotting-paper are carefully insinuated between the petals before the specimen is laid in drying-paper, and if the specimen is then rapidly fire-dried, even adult flowers may be preserved entire. Nothing, however, prevents the shrinkage of the large leathery petals. In this order shrinkage is so excessive and so unequal, that in the case of

herbarium specimens the estimation of the size of the flowers becomes to some extent guess-work.

Those who know Rangoon may recollect the practice of selling bottles of flowers on the stairs of the Shwë-Pagon Pagoda. Unless, however, their stay has been long enough, or their interest sufficiently great, to have led them to notice that the flowers in these bottles are not fresh but preserved, they may have supposed, as the writer did, that the medium in which the flowers are kept is water.

Everyone, however, has not been so void of curiosity. When Assistant Surgeon C. L. Bose,* was in Rangoon in 1885, he was struck by the length of time the flowers were kept, and brought some with him to Calcutta for examination. Dr. Warden, then chemical examiner, and Mr. Bose found on examining the fluid that it was a solution of Alum. The solution is of no special strength; the Burman, being a happy-go-lucky individual puts some Alum into the water along with the flowers and is not particular as to the amount.

Mr. Bose brought only *Champak* petals; some of these are in shape, size, colour and consistence much as they were when taken from the tree eight years ago. Here then we seem to have the means of overcoming the difficulty, hitherto insoluble, of preserving the natural size in specimens of *Magnoliaceous* flowers.

Though only *Champak* was brought by Mr. Bose, the writer recollects seeing *Plumeria* and *Nymphæa* flowers as well, and a bottle in which Dr. Warden placed some green leaves with a 1% Alum solution at the time he examined the Rangoon bottle has its contents very much as they were when he put them in. There is, therefore, no reason why the use of Alum solution should be confined to *Magnolia* flowers.

It should be understood that the use of Alum solution is only suggested as an auxiliary to the usual means of preserving specimens. Wet preparations are to be avoided; they are difficult to handle, difficult to keep, difficult to house, and still more difficult to carry about. But occasions arise when wet specimens are of the greatest moment as supplements to dried ones, and the Burmese preservative has the advantages over spirit of not discolouring the specimen or rendering it brittle. Most important of all, one can carry Alum about as a solid and make a solution when required.

If the bottles are not carefully sealed the specimens do not keep. The flowers immersed in the fluid do not suffer, but as the water evaporates the flowers at the top get exposed to the air, decay, and fall in a flocculent mass to the bottom. This flocculent matter keeps pushing up others to undergo the same decomposition. But from a well-stoppered bottle—

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a glass stopper with wax is best—the fluid does not evaporate; the flowers, therefore, do not reach the air and seem to keep indefinitely.

II. CONIFERÆ. The *Pine*, *Fir* and *Spruce* family is usually very troublesome to preserve both in the field and afterwards in the Herbarium, from the readiness with which the cones fall to pieces and the leaves (needles) drop off. In the Calcutta Herbarium there are a number of beautiful specimens of Japanese *Conifers* presented by Mr. C. Maries, F.L.S.,* who collected them. The writer anxious to learn the secret of the success with which so troublesome a family had been treated asked Mr. Maries if he would kindly explain his method. Mr. Maries' reply, which he has courteously permitted the writer to communicate to the Society, is as follows :—

“*Conifer* specimens of the *Abies* or *Picea* section are generally rather difficult to dry. When I was in the island of Yesso, in the North Pacific, I was very much troubled with them. One night I arrived very wet at my rooms and stacked my branches of *Abies*, with the cones attached, round a big charcoal fire. I fell asleep and woke up next morning to find my specimens dried beautifully. After this I always dried them slowly over a charcoal fire, first wiring or wrapping up the cones. All fir-cones, except Pine, or Spruce, or Cedar, should be tied up either with cotton or wire immediately they are gathered. The Spruce section is the most difficult to dry, even roasting is not always a success.”

Mr. Maries goes on to say :—“The way I dry ferns and leaves of trees for fitting up my bird-cases” (in the Gwalior State Museum) “to preserve their natural shape, is to take some very *clean*, washed sand, arrange the leaves in a *clean* box and fill in with hot sand, and keep at a temperature of 100° to 120° Fh. or even more. They soon dry (I imagine Spruce would dry like this if very hot) and flowers dry beautifully in this way, some keeping their natural colours in a most remarkable manner. When I was young and living in London, an old gardener taught me this; he used it for ferns and roses for winter decorations when fresh ferns and flowers were scarce. All the dried flowers one sees in florists' shops in London are dried in hot sand.” —C. MARIES.”

III. ORCHIDACEÆ. The *Orchid* family is perhaps the most troublesome of all natural families to represent in Herbaria. In all the epiphytic kinds the leaves and, in most of them, the flowers also are apt to drop off when the specimens are dried in the ordinary way, while even in ground Orchids the pressure that has to be applied during drying usually so distorts the flower that a true conception of the relative

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position of its parts becomes impossible. This is very unfortunate, because there is no natural order where a proper understanding of the position of parts, particularly of the lip and the column, is so necessary. Spirit preparations are most unsatisfactory. If the spirit is sufficiently strong to preserve the flowers the parts become so brittle that when handled they go to pieces; if weak enough to prevent this hardening and consequent friability the spirit does not adequately preserve the specimens. The jars and bottles in which the specimens are placed, moreover, are very apt to get broken, and any one who has tried it will testify to the worry that is caused by the necessity of having to carry about a stock of alcohol. Dr. Schweinfurth when travelling in Africa, made use of a most excellent modification of the method of preservation in spirit. He laid his specimens between sheets of drying paper, laid these in tin-boxes and soldered them up after soaking the paper thoroughly with spirit. He was thus able greatly to reduce the initial stock of alcohol and was freed from the subsequent anxiety of possible breakages. But the objections to spirit as a preserving medium for flowers are not obviated by this mode of applying it, and it remains to be seen whether the Alum solution will answer as a substitute if used in this way.

In the meantime Mr. R. Pantling,* who for many years has made a special study of Orchids, has perfected a method of drying them so far in advance of anything hitherto accomplished that it is highly desirable, that the details of his process should be made known. At the writer's request Mr. Pantling has supplied these details and like Mr. Maries, has courteously given him permission to communicate the account to the Society. This memorandum is given below; it will be noticed that it consists of a happy combination, suitably modified, of the ordinary method of fire-drying recommended for all ordinary plants with the hot-sand process mentioned by Mr. Maries as that practised by florists in Europe.

"To dry Orchid Specimens.—In order to preserve *Orchids* so that "the leaves and flowers remain intact and do not fall away in fragments "as invariably happens to epiphytal species when pressed in the ordinary way between drying paper, the procedure to be adopted should "be as follows. Procure a light metal box—14 inches, by 12 inches, "by 6 inches deep is a convenient size,—and place over the bottom half- "an-inch of sand. Arrange a specimen between two sheets of thin "paper inside the box and cover over with a layer of sand taking care, "as far as possible, that the interstices between leaves, etc., are filled "up. Repeat this until the box is full, then place it on a stove or above

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"a fire and dry with a brisk heat. No weights for pressing are necessary. As a general rule, the sand at the commencement of drying should not be allowed to attain a greater heat than can be borne by the hand, and this should be lessened as drying proceeds or the flowers may become scorched and rendered useless for purposes of dissection.

"Occasionally species (*Dendrobium Pierardi* Roxb., and *Phajus alba* Lindl.) are met with whose perianths will adhere to the paper; the removal of the perianth cannot then be effected without mutilation. This may be obviated by using porous drying-paper or blotting-paper instead of the thin kind recommended above.

"The advantages of drying in hot sand as compared with the universally adopted method in paper are :—*First*, the rapidity in preparing specimens; plants belonging to such genera as *Saccolabium*, *Vanda*, *Cleisostoma*, etc., being ready within a week against a period of three to four months by the old method. *Secondly*; when finished the specimens will be found preserved in their entirety and will not fall to pieces. The column and lip will be found to have suffered little, as the pressure of the sand is not sufficient to cause any material damage to these organs".—R. PANTLING.

The boxes that Mr. Pantling has found handiest for his purpose are old kerosine tins cut through lengthways; one is placed within the other to give more strength to the tin and a rivet or two hammered through the seams as the solder runs when the boxes are over the fire. The only thing to be guarded against in the process is the adhesion of the flowers of certain species to the paper, and Mr. Pantling shows how this is easily overcome.

The possibilities of this method either as recommended by Mr. Pantling or with slight modifications for the drying of succulent species generally, such as the *Cactus* family and fleshy members of the *Spurge* family, as well as for families like *Scitamineæ*—the ginger family—and for water plants, where the flowers are very delicate and therefore very difficult to dry seem considerable and the plan is well worth trying for them as well as for orchids.

Blind root-suckers of the Sunderbans.—By R. L. HEINIG, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bengal, Communicated by the Natural History Secretary. Plate VI.

[Read August 2nd.]

The name "Sunderbans" is applied to the tract of littoral forest and cultivation that occupies the southern portion of the Ganges Delta, extending from the Hooghly river to the Meghna in the districts of the 24 Parganas, Khulna, and Backergunge. This tract is, roughly, 5,000 square miles in area, and comprises a large number of low-lying swampy islands formed by the principal rivers and their connecting water-channels.

The State Forests occupy the portion that extends from the Hooghly river to the Baliswar, on the western border of Backergunge. They are divided, both geographically and as to their legal status, into two approximately equal and well-defined areas, namely, the *Protected Forests*, extending from the Hooghly river to the Raimangal, in the district of the 24 Parganas; and the *Reserved Forests*, extending from the Raimangal river to the Baliswar in the Khulna district.

The *Protected Forests* are traversed by rivers not directly connected with the Ganges, and resembling estuaries or long arms of the sea; these rivers are very saline and subject to tidal influences throughout.

The principal species of forest tree is *Gozán* (*Ceriops Candolleana*, Arn.), a tree that does not develop root-suckers, but has short buttresses. It reproduces itself abundantly, and the innumerable stems and tangled roots of this species and of others with which it is associated, *Gengwá*, (*Excoecaria agallocha*, Linn.); *Hantál*, (*Phœnix paludosa* Roxb., &c.), serve, in the absence of herbaceous undergrowth, to protect the surface soil from erosion during tidal inundations, and to induce the deposit of alluvial mud.

The *Reserved Forests* are traversed by rivers directly connected with the Ganges, that bring down vast bodies of fresh water, especially during the rains. The principal species of forest tree is *Sundri* (*Heritiera fomes*, Buch.). The accessory species are *Pussur* (*Carapa moluccensis*, Lam.), *Amúr* (*Amoora cucullata*, Roxb.), *Keora* (*Sonneratia apetala*, Lam.), *Ora* (*S. acida*, Linn. f.), and a few others. Each island is bordered by a zone of characteristic growth consisting of *Golpatia* (*Nipa fruticans*, Wurm.), *Hantál*, species of the mangrove family, *Keora*, *Ora*, *Kúmia* (*Barringtonia racemosa*, Blume.), &c. Behind this zone of riparian growth occurs the *Sundri* forest, pure, or mixed with

a few inferior species. Towards the sea coast, where the water of the rivers is markedly saline, especially during the dry months of the year, *Gordn* and *Gengwá* form the predominating species, and *Sundri* trees are comparatively few in number, and of inferior growth. The *Sundri*-producing tract resembles that on the west in the general absence of grass and other herbaceous vegetation, but differentiates from it entirely by the presence of innumerable blind root-suckers.

The magnificent rivers that traverse the Sunderbans, many of them of considerable breadth and depth, bring down, during the monsoon months, vast quantities of silt, some of which is deposited to form *churs* or sand-banks.

On the subsidence of the waters at the close of the rains those sand-banks, the surface of which is left exposed at low tide, are soon covered by a luxuriant growth of grass which effectually binds the soil, induces further accumulations of silt, and arrests floating seeds.

It is not surprising that under the forcing conditions of a rich soil, a moist warm climate, and abundance of light, seedlings on these new islands should make extremely rapid growth, forming in a few years an uninterrupted canopy, in the dense shade of which it is impossible for the grass to live.

When the grass has disappeared there is a continual danger of the island wasting away by erosion, the banks being liable to be undermined and swept away by the rivers, and the whole surface, inundated during high spring-floods, is subject to denudation under the considerable force (to be seen to be fully appreciated) with which the water pours away at every point of egress after the tide has turned.

The soil of the islands eventually consists of a thin top-layer of alluvial mud overlying a thick layer of moist, black soil in which the large quantities of wood *débris* that accumulate in these forests undergo slow decomposition with the generation of gases having the odour of sulphuretted and carburetted hydrogen. The top-layer of soil excludes atmospheric air, and imprisons the gases generated in the miasmatic mud beneath. Occasionally the gases find vent along river banks at low tide, and during storms when the stems of the forest trees sway to and fro and cause the upper layers to be disturbed.

Each species of tree found growing in the swamp-forests of the Sunderbans has a root-system well adapted not only to anchor the tree firmly in the unstable medium below, but also to protect the mud from the effects of erosion. The roots do not penetrate the soil to a greater depth than 8 to 10 feet, but in this shallow layer they form a tangled and confused net-work in which the tap-root is not distinguishable. Some species produce adventitious roots, and others buttress

freely, even at an early age; but perhaps the most curious adaptation of all, of means to ends, is to be found in the development of blind root-suckers.

The following species of forest trees in the Sunderbans produce blind root-suckers, namely, *Sundri*, *Pussur*, *Amúr*, *Keora*, *Ora*, and *Báen* (*Avicennia officinalis*, Liun.).

The root-suckers are woody processes, growing in an upward direction, and developed at irregular distances along the whole course of the roots of the above-mentioned species. They project from 1 to 3 feet above the surface of the ground, and apparently cease to make further growth upwards when the apex has reached the level of the highest spring-tides. They are called blind from the circumstance that they are destitute of buds, and incapable of producing buds under any conditions. The portion below ground is often furnished with rootlets, but the part above ground is invariably naked. The tender tops of the suckers are frequently gnawed by pig and deer, but this does not destroy their vitality, and only results in the formation of apical knobs and bifurcations.

The mechanical effect of the root-suckers of all the species that develop them (except *Báen*) is to enormously increase the holding power or grip of the roots on the soil, and thus to cause a far greater resistance to be offered to the uprooting of trees by storms, and generally to maintain the stems of the trees in an upright position; to prevent the erosion of the surface soil during high-tide inundations; to check the force of the egress of flood-water, and to induce deposits of alluvial mud; to detain seeds floated on to the islands at high tide, and thus aid in the natural reproduction of all species; to arrest fragments of fertilising wood *débris* that would, in the absence of the root-suckers, be swept into the rivers.

The accompanying plate illustrates the general form and relative length of the root-suckers of different species.

Sundri suckers are far more numerous than those of any other species, and their flattened shape renders them fit to fully exercise all the mechanical functions noted above. The suckers of *Pussur* and *Amúr* are met with in the low-lying localities affected by trees of these species; they are consequently, as a rule, much longer than those of *Sundri*. The suckers of *Keora* and *Ora*, species that are found only on river banks, are short on the high ground of the banks and long on the river-side. This accords with the general observation that the upward growth of a sucker continues until its apex has reached the level of high-water mark."

Keora sends out very long roots into the mud of river beds. These roots act as spurs deflecting the course of the current, causing accumulations of silt, and sometimes leading to the complete silting up of rivers. Innumerable suckers proceed from these roots up to distances of 150 feet and more from the parent tree, and aid in fixing whatever silt has accumulated, and inducing the deposit of more. These suckers are exposed at low tide, but are subjected to long-continued submergence daily until the bank has risen sufficiently to allow the tops to remain above the level of high tide.

Bâen suckers are of exceptional interest. Their form and flexibility render them almost useless as agents for the prevention of erosion and the arrest of silt, seeds, and wood *débris*; and it is certain that they do not have the effect of enabling trees of this species to maintain a vertical position. *Bâen* trees after attaining a girth of 2 to 3 feet, incline from the vertical. In the case of large trees, 15 feet in girth and more, the inclination from the vertical is often considerable; but the trees of this size have long since passed their maturity, and are merely light, hollow shells.

The most interesting fact regarding the root-suckers of this species is that they have been found, on examination of the internal structure, to contain vessels that are supposed to serve as passages for the conveyance of atmospheric air to the roots.

It has been remarked that the top-layer of alluvial mud, a very fine silt, excludes atmospheric air from the lower stratum of miasmatic mud wherein the wood *débris* of the forests decomposes and large quantities of gas are generated. The fact has also been noted that the root-suckers continue to make upward growth until their tops are above high-water level. It is accordingly considered probable that the root-suckers of all the species that produce these curious processes not only discharge the mechanical functions already referred to, but are provided with a structure that enables them to supply atmospheric air to the roots.

The Petrology of Job Charnock's Tombstone.—By THOMAS H. HOLLAND,
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[Received August 29th, Read November 1st.]

At the suggestion of the Rev. H. B. Hyde, I recently examined the tombstone preserved in the 'Charnock Mausoleum,' St. John's Churchyard, to the memory of Job Charnock.* Apart from its historic interest, the rock itself, being of a type hitherto undescribed, is of sufficient scientific value to call for a description.

The abundance of blue quartz, the occasional crystals of garnet, the black, and sometimes bronzy-looking, pyroxene, and the cleavage faces of the feldspars are characters which are at once striking features in the hand-specimen.

Under the microscope, the rock is seen to be granitic in structure; that is, it is perfectly crystalline throughout, with the crystals mutually interlocked, and the intergrowth so perfect that in places a beautiful micro-pegmatitic structure results. The following minerals can be identified (1), Quartz. (2), Orthoclase (Microcline). (3), Plagioclase. (4), Hypersthene. (5), Garnet, and (6), Magnetite.

(1.) The QUARTZ-CRYSTALS are crowded with minute acicular inclusions, the structure of which cannot be made out with the microscope; they are arranged without discoverable regularity: and are probably the cause of the blue colour seen in hand-specimens. Blue quartz-crystals have been noticed before in granites and granitites, as in that from Rumburg in Sweden.

(2.) ORTHOCLASE and MICROCLINE. Most of the potash-feldspars show the remarkable and unmistakable microcline structure. Occasionally also the orthoclase is seen presenting the "streifige" appearance due to regularly arranged intergrowths with a plagioclase, giving rise to the structure described by Becke as micro-perthitic. To prove the identity of this feldspar I have isolated crystals having a specific gravity of 2.59, and examined them chemically by Szabo's method.

(3.) PLAGIOCLASE occurs only in small quantities. The isolated crystals show the characteristic twinning, with extinction-angles approaching those of oligoclase.

(4.) HYPERSTHENE occurs, not in large quantities, but presenting its characteristic pleochroism and straight extinction. The presence of this mineral is a feature of exceptional interest from the fact that, so far as I am aware, a hypersthene-granite has never before been record-

* Job Charnock died in 1693, and the tombstone was erected about two years later.

ed, although the mineral has been frequently found as a constituent of the intermediate, basic and ultra-basic holocrystalline rocks. The precise reasons why the micas, hornblendes, and, more rarely, augites should occur as the ferro-magnesian constituents of granites, and not hypersthene, have never been accurately settled. The discovery of hypersthene, therefore, in this capacity fills a very well-marked gap in the granitic series, and for the time we can do no more than record as precisely as possible its nature and mode of occurrence, with the hope that in future the facts may be of service in framing an hypothesis for explaining the fact that chemically similar magmas, under special conditions of temperature and pressure during the process of consolidation, give rise to different mineral species.

(5). GARNET of the almandine variety occurs very sparingly in the rock, and seldom shows anything approaching idiomorphic crystalline form.

(6). MAGNETITE in small grains is sparsely scattered amongst the other minerals.

The rock has a *specific gravity* of 2.646, agreeing thus with normal granites.

In microscopic and macroscopic characters this rock agrees with certain specimens which I have recently collected in the Madras Presidency. At different places in the south of India (Pallavaram in the Chingleput district, the Shevaroy and Nilgiri hills, in N.-W. Madras, and in Travancore) there occur exposures of igneous rock in which hypersthene is a constant constituent, and which at the same time exhibit every gradation in acidity, from hypersthene-granite, the most silicious (acid), to pyroxenite the most basic. These rocks, although their exposures are now separated by such distances from one another, I believe to have been derived from a common molten magma: they belong to one "petrographical province," and the differentiation of the originally homogeneous molten material into masses so widely distinct in chemical composition can be shown to be in agreement with well-established, though recent, physical principles.

The massive rocks of the Nilgiri Hills, and the Shevaroy, as well as the similar rocks found in the localities mentioned above, have been hitherto regarded as belonging to the great metamorphic series of the South. Observations made during recent visits to the Madras Presidency have, however, convinced me that this series, together with certain others not now under discussion, must be looked upon as intrusive igneous rocks of younger age than the normal gneiss.

The evidences for these conclusions I hope shortly to produce in detail. For the present, however, we are concerned in identifying

Job Charnock's tombstone with the pypersthene-granites of the Madras Presidency; and from its proximity to the coast and to Madras, it seems likely that Pallavaram would have been selected by the earlier agents of the East India Company as a source of this handsome rock. Nearly all the old tombstones collected together in St. John's Churchyard are of the same rock; for example that of Job Charnock's son-in-law, Jonathan White (1703), and Mrs. Jane Smart (1753).

Briefly, the points in which these rocks agree with those of Pallavaram, and upon which I base this identification, are these:—

(a). *Structure*:—

- (1). Micro-perthitic structure.
- (2). Granophyric (micro-pegmatitic) structure.

(b). *Composition*:—

- (1). The presence of potash-felspar in the form of microcline.
- (2). „ hypersthene.
- (3). „ blue quartz.
- (4). „ almandine garnet.

(c). *The combination* of these minerals with the above-named structures. In this association hypersthene is especially note-worthy for the reasons already stated.

As this is a new type of rock, and modifications of it occur by the introduction of accessory minerals, I would suggest for it the name *Charnockite*, in honour of the founder of Calcutta, who was the unconscious means of bringing, perhaps, the first specimen of this interesting rock to our capital.

On a slab of Chinese agglomerate lava bearing a Chinese inscription discovered in St. John's Churchyard, Calcutta. By T. H. HOLLAND, A.R.C.S., F.G.S., Geological Survey of India.

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(With Plate VII.)

Through the kindness of the Revd. H. B. Hyde, I have been enabled to examine the slab bearing a Chinese inscription and discovered by him in St. John's Churchyard.

The slab has been imperfectly polished on the face bearing the inscription, and at first sight presents the character of a common artificial concrete, for which I at first mistook it. But on removing a fragment from the back of the slab and examining it in the laboratory, I found it

to be a siliceous lava, which, though of course formed by natural means is, indeed, comparable to a concrete in ways other than appearances. It is a rhyolitic lava of a kind occurring in different parts of China, which, previous to consolidation, has included fragments of other rocks and now presents the patchy appearances of the agglomerate lavas and piperno described by Fritsch and Reiss as varieties of eutaxite.*

Thin slices examined under the microscope leave no doubt as to the nature of the rock :—Corroded quartz-crystals embedded in a cryptocrystalline and microlitic magma are scattered irregularly through the slide. Occasionally these preserve in part their original bi-pyramidal outlines, but the magma has corroded the majority of the crystals into irregular shapes. A curious feature worthy of record is the way in which many of the quartz-crystals are traversed by a series of cracks without discoverable regularity. These cracks recall the tessellated appearance of the polysynthetic porphyritic crystals described by Gen. McMahon in the eurite of Tushám Hill, 85 miles north-west of the town of Delhi.† But as a rule, in the present instance, the small fragments, although separated from one another by a series of cracks, all have the same optical orientation, whilst in the Tushám specimens the grains are, according to Gen. McMahon, oriented in different directions. I have found, however, one case of a quartz-crystal in which, after the formation of the cracks, many of the fragments have been slightly displaced, so that whilst the position of extinction is the same for the individuals in some of the pairs, others show slight differences, and still others have been moved through several degrees. Gen. McMahon explained the structure of the quartz-crystals in the Tushám rock as the result of rapid cooling after eruption, and I think the present case, in which many of the crystals are simply cracked more often without displacement of the fragments, are certainly more easily explained in this manner than by the other suggestions which, in his paper, Gen. McMahon has considered and rejected. Relief of pressure would also contribute to the same effect. A similar structure can be produced in clear quartz-crystals by rapidly cooling them from a red heat, the crystals becoming white and losing their transparency from a similar cause.

Next to the quartz-crystals in abundance amongst the porphyritic constituents are the feldspars, some of which are of a plagioclase variety, and all greatly kaolinized. Black and brown patches of ferruginous material occur as relics of the ferro-magnesian constituents of the original rock. Secondary minerals like chalcedony occur in small quantities infilling cavities.

* *Geologische Beschreibung der Insel Tenerife*, 1868, p. 420.

† *Min. Mag.*, Vol. VIII. (1888), p. 10.

Lumps of andesitic rocks are common as inclusions in the matrix, which in places shows damascened and eutaxitic structures.

The specific gravity of the rock is 2.35. Thin splinters fuse before the blowpipe to a white vesicular glass.

Comparison with Chinese rocks:—The peculiar structures presented by this rock are of especial interest from the way in which they can be paralleled amongst the Chinese eurites and rhyolites. The damascened structure and the included fragments of a similar andesitic rock I have previously described in the Korean acid lavas.*

Amongst the rocks which I have collected in China, there is a specimen of eurite from the Victoria Peak, Hong Kong, in which the porphyritic crystals of quartz are cracked in the same peculiar manner. The felspars, also, in this rock are in part plagioclastic, and irregular patches of small biotite bundles resemble in shape the ferruginous masses occurring in the slab. But although the Hong Kong rock shows a very distinct flow structure, the groundmass is composed wholly of microgranulitic material, and there is a notable absence of the andesitic foreign inclusions. Whilst, then, the porphyritic constituents of the slab agree with those of this rock, the groundmass shows that the conditions of consolidation were different; but although the circumstances of solidification were not the same there seems little doubt that the slab in St. John's Churchyard belongs to the same geological mass as the Hong Kong eurite, and both these are members of the acid series of igneous rocks—granites, granitites †, eurites and rhyolites—which can be traced from the Island of Hainan, north-east through Hong Kong to Foochow, and are repeated in a parallel band which reaches the sea-coast at Chusan, are repeated in the Korea, and possibly represented again by the central granitic axis of Kamtschatka. These rocks probably belong to one petrographical province and are the relics of a great chain of eruptions which took place in East Asia during middle carboniferous times. The granites and eurites are found intruding into the limestones which occur below the coal-bearing series; whilst fragments of these rocks are the principal constituents of the conglomerates which lie at the base of the coal-measures. The out-crop of these rocks is approximately parallel to the general strike of the stratified series, following the directions of the principal mountain ranges, which in East China Pumpelly has described

* *Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc.*, Vol. XLVII. (1891), pp. 176–178.

† The prevalence of granitite and the occurrence of its representatives amongst the hemicrystalline and felsitic rocks are striking features in these Chinese rocks, and I regard them as a later stage in the eruptions which first gave rise to diorites and andesites—rocks which I have frequently found associated with and included in the later acid eruptions of China.

as the Sinian system of elevation.* Elsewhere I may have occasion to refer to these features in greater detail: for the present I have referred to them for the purpose of showing that, whilst I think the slab found in St. John's Churchyard is undoubtedly of Chinese origin, it may have been brought from any of the localities in East China and Korea where these characteristic, acid, igneous rocks prevail. In what manner the slab was brought to India will doubtless appear from Mr. Hyde's researches.

EXPLANATION OF PLATE.

Figs. 1 & 2. From slab of Chinese agglomerate lava found in St. John's Churchyard.

Fig. 1. Bi-pyramidal crystal of quartz corroded by the magma.

Fig. 2. Crystal cracked and corroded.

Figs. 3 & 4. From eurite. Victoria Peak, Hong Kong.

Fig. 3. Bi-pyramidal crystal of quartz corroded by the magma.

Fig. 4. Crystal cracked and corroded.

* Geological Researches in China, Mongolia, and Japan, 1866, p. 67.



Fig: 1.



Fig 2.

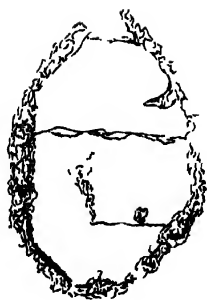


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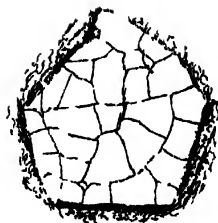


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Natural History Notes from H. M. Indian Marine Survey Steamer, 'Investigator,' Commander C. F. Oldham, R. N., Commanding. Series II., No. 9. An Account of the Deep Sea Collection made during the Season of 1892-93.—By A. ALCOCK, M.B., C.M.Z.S., Superintendent of the Indian Museum.

•With plates VIII. and IX.

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The collection here described is a very small one, but the few things obtained are interesting.

Among Coelenterata, *Cerianthus* and *Cyathohelia* do not appear to have been before recorded from the Bay of Bengal: among Echinoderma, *Astroschema* and *Echinolampas*—although the latter has been recorded as a Sind Tertiary fossil: and among fishes *Odontostomus*. All these occur in the present collection.

COELENTERATA.

NEMATOPHORA.

ANTHOZOA ACTINIOMORPHA.

ACTINIARIA.

Family **Cerianthineæ.**

CERIANTHUS, Delle Chiaje.

1. *Cerianthus tenebrarum*, n. sp.

Elegantly caryophyllaceous in shape.

The body wall is thick, and the characteristic investing sheath is

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loose. The oral sphincter is stout. The tentacles of the inner crown are short and number about fifty: those of the outer crown are very long with stout base and long wavy filamentous ending, and number about sixty. The septa with their mesenteric filaments are almost entirely confined to the upper third of the enteric cavity, leaving about the lower two-thirds as a perfectly smooth-walled chamber.

* Colour dull madder, the tentacles being lighter and ruddier than the body.

Length, contracted in spirit, 50 mm.

With the exception of a species from the Andaman Reefs, described in J. A. S. B., Vol. LXII., Pt. II., 1893, p. 153, this seems to be the only *Cerianthus* hitherto recorded from India.

From the Bay of Bengal on a muddy bottom at 410 fathoms: bottom-temperature 45.5° Fahr.

MADREPORARIA APOROSA.

Family Turbinolidæ.

(1) *Flabellum laciniatum*, Phil., and (2) *Flabellum japonicum*, Moseley, appear to be quite common inhabitants of the muddy bottom of the Bay of Bengal at 400–700 fathoms. And among the corals obtained with them during the past year is a new species of *Rhizotrochus*.

RHIZOTROCHUS, Edw. and Haime.

3. *Rhizotrochus crateriformis*, n. sp., Pl. VIII. figs. 1 and 2.

Corallum low, bowl-shaped, having a small central mamillary pedicular scar, a very thin fragile epithecate wall, and a regular, circular calicular orifice with the lip gently everted.

From the thecal wall, which is marked with close faint costal striæ and with close faint concentric lines of growth, the large cylindrical "rootlets" stand out at a wide angle.

The septa, which are in four complete cycles, with an incomplete fifth, are thin, and have their crests strongly emarginate, so that when the corallum is viewed from above they look something like large pali: their surface is marked with lines of distant, coarse granules, concentric with the curve of the crest. The septa of the first two cycles are approximately co-equal, and all unite at the very bottom of the calice by a few stout cylindrical trabeculæ which form a rudimentary columella: above this they do not encroach very greatly on the calicular space, but leave a clear wide central fossa. The septa of the third cycle are narrow laminæ, those of the fourth are still narrower, and those of the incomplete fifth are merely fine ridges in the upper part of the calice.

Colour in spirit—both corallum and soft parts—quite white.

The tentacles, which appear to be about ninety in number, are disposed in three concentric series.

Greatest height 22 mm.: diameter of calicular orifice 32 mm.: depth of calicular fossa 16 mm.

From the Bay of Bengal on a muddy bottom at 573 fathoms: bottom-temperature 45.3° Fahr.

Family Oculinidæ.

CYATHOHELIA, Edw. and H.

4. *Cyathohelia axillaris* (Ell. and Sol.)

Madrepora axillaris, Ellis and Solander, Nat. Hist. of Zoophytes, p. 153, tab. 13, fig. 5.

Cyathohelia axillaris, Edw. and Haime, Coralliaires II. 110.

A branch of a colony answering to the figure in Ellis and Solander was dredged from a previously unknown coral bank in Lat. 14° 11' 6" N, Long. 80° 24' E. [about 55 miles N. by E. of Madras) in 88 fathoms, bottom-temperature 65° Fahr.

MADREPORARIA POROSA.

Family Eupsammidæ.

DENDROPHYLLIA, Edw. and H.

5. *Dendrophyllia nigrescens*, Dana.

Dendrophyllia nigrescens, Dana, Zoophytes, p. 387, pl. 27 (30), fig. 1.

From the same coral bank, at the same depth, several branches of this species were dredged.

ANTHOZOA ALCYONTOMORPHA.

The coral bank in 88 fathoms, N. by E. of Madras, appears to be very rich in *Gorgonacea* and *Alcyonacea*. Unfortunately the dredgings were merely rough dried, without any treatment, so that they reached the Museum denuded and almost valueless. The following genera are recognized:—*Anthogorgia*, *Echinogorgia*, *Acis*, *Gorgonella*, *Juncella*, *Scirpearrella*; *Spongodes*.

ECHINODERMA.

ASTEROIDEA.

Family Archasteridæ.

PSEUDARCHASTER, Sladen.

1. *Pseudarchaster mosaicus*, Alcock and Wood-Mason.

Pseudarchaster mosaicus, Alcock and Wood-Mason, Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist., Dec. 1891, p. 432.

A specimen with a span of nearly 200 mm. from 599 fathoms off the Madras Coast.

Family **Astropectinidæ.****DIPSACASTER**, gen. nov.2. *Dipsacaster, pentagonalis*, n. sp.

Differs from *Dipsacaster sladeni* (Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., February, 1893, p. 87, pl. V. figs 3 and 4) in the following particulars:—The disk is relatively larger, and the rays, which are bluntly rounded at the tip, are relatively shorter and broader—the whole form being thus more pentagonal; the relative length of the rays to the radius of the disk is 2·5: 1; the paxillæ are larger; on the adambulacral plates the central spine of the paxilliform group is a large distinct spine and not a mere spinelet. Two specimens from the Andaman Sea, 112 fathoms.

Family **Pentagonasteridæ.****CALLIASTER**, Gray.3. *Calliaster mamillifer*, n. sp., Pl. VIII. figs. 3 and 4.

Rays 5 R=2·5 to 3r.

Abactinal area covered with sunken circular plates, each bounded by a ring of discoid granules: the mid-radial plates of the disk bear each a great globular mammillated spinelet, as do also, but on a smaller scale, the dorso-central and basal inter-radial plates.

The supero-marginal plates, which are six in number, excluding the terminal, and come in partial contact across the distal third of the rays, have the form of great globules, each surmounted centrally with a nipple-like spinelet: those in the outer third of the ray sometimes bear also one or two granules.

The infero-marginal plates coincide not quite exactly with their fellows of the supero-marginal series: they are long, broad and tumid, and each bears near the suture line with that series, a row or a group of large coarse truncated spinelets.

The adambulacral plates have each a furrow series of four radiating spinelets, and actually a single large coarse truncated spine and rarely a few granules also.

The actinal inter-radial areas are of some size, with large and slightly tumid plates, many of which have one, or very rarely two, large coarse spinelets.

All the marginal, adambulacral, and actinal plates have much the same fringe of discoid granules or squamæ as the abactinal plates, only it is not so regular.

Annus subcentral.

Madreporite small, circular, radially striated, situated about midway between the margin and the centre.

Colour in spirit, chalky yellow. This singularly beautiful species was dredged in the Andaman Sea, between 270 and 245 fathoms.

Family **Zoroasteridæ.**

* ZOROASTER Wyville Thomson.

Fine specimens of (4.) *Zoroaster Alfredi* and (5.) *Zoroaster barathri* (Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., Feb. 1893, pp. 102, 103), from the Bay of Bengal, 599 fathoms.

OPHIUROIDEA.

Family **Astrophytidæ.**

* ASTROSCHEMA, Örst. and Ltk.

1. *Astroschema flosculus*, n. sp., Pl. VIII. fig. 5.

R=11r—16r.

The sides and abactinal surface of the disk and arms are covered with granules,—prominent granules and globules being scattered over a finely granular surface, and the actinal surface is covered with an uniform microscopic granulation.

Viewed from the aboral aspect the disk is rotate-corolla-shaped, being deeply depressed in the centre and consisting of five deep cut petaloid lobes, each composed of a pair of radial plates. There are no mouth papillæ or tooth papillæ, but there is a vertical row of five large hastate teeth on each mouth segment.

Rays long, tapering to a lash, simple, and perfectly square in section, the actinal angles of the square being occupied by the series of paired spine-like tentacle scales, and the abactinal angles by series of prominent clumps of globular granules corresponding to the tentacle scales, this arrangement emphasizing the arm joints and giving the arms a regularly beaded appearance.

Genital openings nearly vertical, and traversing nearly the whole depth of the disk.

Mouth tentacles large, the second pair of tentacles without any scale, the third pair with the pairs of scales small.

Colour, in alcohol, grey; in life, blood-red.

From the newly discovered coral bank north of Madras, in 88 fathoms.

ECHINOIDEA.

*SPATANGOIDA.*Family **Cassidulidæ.**

ECHINOLAMPAS, Gray.

* 1. *Echinolampas castanea*, n. sp., Pl. VIII. fig. 6.

Test thick, high, bluntly conical towards the greatly excentric abruptly subacuminate apical system; sub-pentagonal in tumid ambital outline; densely felted with short capillary spines, which are larger

and sparser on the actinal surface, and at the tumid inter-radial peristomial margins form fan-like tufts.

Ambulacra equal, narrow, petaloid abactinally, the poriferous areas of unequal length in the same petal, approaching as if to close, and then again diverging, the pairs of pores set very close together in grooves separated by moniliform ridges: beyond the petals the ambulacra increase considerably in width to the ambitus, whence they taper to the peristome, while the pores become single, distant, and invisible to the naked eye as far as the vicinity of the peristome, where they are again large and double, and are crowded together to form distinct phyllodes.

Inter-radia large, constricted very abruptly at the apical system and gradually at the peristome, being represented at the peristomial margin by a single tumid granular plate.

Both ambulacral and interradial plates closely covered with small scrobiculate tubercles of uniform size and disposition, except in the middle of the actinal surface, where they become a little larger and much more scattered: fine miliary granulation between the tubercles.

Apical system small, very excentric in front: a large central madreporite extending from the right anterior basal: four genital pores.

Peristome situated in the middle of a distinct hollow, excentric in front, transverse, pentagonal, with a distinct floscelle.

Periproct in posterior inter-radium, large, elliptical, transverse, immediately inframarginal, with a valvular operculum formed of three large tuberculated plates.

Colour, yellowish green.

Bay of Bengal, 11 fathoms.

At first sight this species has a strong resemblance to *Echinolampas spheroidalis*, d'Arch and Haime, from the Miocene of Sind and Kuchh; from which it is distinguished at once by the concavity of the actinal surface and by the tumid peristomial margin. The test is also higher in the present species.

Family Spatangidae.

BRISSOPSIS, Ag.

2. *Brissopsis Oldhami*, n. sp., Pl. VIII. figs. 7 and 8.

Test thin, inflated, ovoid, with a faint anterior groove and a strong posterior truncation; abactinally covered with recurved hair-like spines which are largest and densest within the peripetalous fasciole; actinially with similar large spines in the interradia, the ambulacra being almost naked.

All the ambulacra are abactinally petaloid and sunken: in the

anterior petal, which is the longest and narrowest, the pores are small and extremely evenly and closely set, in the other petals the pores are large: beyond the petals the ambulacra are only slightly spiniferous at the ambitus, and are almost or quite naked actinally; and all have small and distant pores; but abactinally the plates of the postero-lateral ambulacra are spiniferous, and the pores of those that are enclosed in the sub-anal fasciole are exceptionally large. Abactinally, as actinally, the inter-radii are very large, with big broad plates that are finely and closely granular abactinally and much more coarsely and distantly granular actinally.

Peristome reniform: the orifice of the mouth is made valvular by the remarkable prolongation forwards of the labrum.

Apical system hardly excentric; the madreporite is large, passing backwards from the right anterior basal and separating the posterior basals and radials and several inter-radial plates; four large genital pores.

Periproct small, vertically pyriform, high up in the posterior truncation, with many plates, of which those at the circumference are the largest.

The peripetalous fasciole is very distinct, being broadest posteriorly. Sub-anal fasciole reniform, largely actinal in position, being far distant from the periproct. Two narrow and inconspicuous fasciolar bands extend up from the sub-anal fasciole, one on each side, to the level of the periproct and are then gradually lost.

The pedicels of the anterior petal are of conspicuous length.

Colour, dull olive-green; fascioles dull madder brown.

Bay of Bengal, 753 fathoms, bottom soft mud; bottom temperature 41.2° fahr.

LOVENIA, Ag. and Desor.

3. *Lovenia gregalis*, n. sp., Pl. VIII. fig. 9.

Test thin, broad, flat, cordiform, grooved and deeply excised anteriorly, broadly truncate posteriorly, the ambital margin in front sharp, behind gently rounded. Spinature scanty.

Anterior ambulacrum in the groove, with pores small and inconspicuous except at the peristome, where they are larger: it is practically unmodified throughout its course, from apex to peristome. Lateral petaloid ambulacra with pores almost invisible to the naked eye within the internal fasciole: beyond the internal fasciole the antero-lateral petals are markedly divergent from, while the postero-lateral petals are convergent towards, the sagittal line: the slightly sunken pairs of pores are large and are separated from one another by faint

ridges with minute distant granulation, the interporiferous space is broad and bears several series of granules. Beyond the petals the postero-lateral ambulacra increase greatly, while the antero-lateral decrease somewhat in width.

Inter-radii very large and broad abactinally where the antero-lateral bear each a small patch, and the postero-lateral each a much larger patch, of large deeply scrobiculate perforated tubercles, each surmounted by a long slender recurved recumbent hollow spine. Similar but smaller tubercles, with similar spines, cover the actinal surface rather more densely throughout almost the whole of the broad antero-lateral and postero-lateral inter-radii, and also occur in two small patches, involving both ambulacral and posterior inter-radial plates, in each wing of the sub-anal fasciole.

Peristome situated immediately behind the anterior cleft, semilunar in shape, and followed by a long narrow labrum.

Apical system hardly excentric; the madreporite in the posterior basal.

Periproct in the upper part of the posterior truncation, large, transversely oval, not sunken.

The internal fasciole is remarkable in not crossing the anterior ambulacrum; after skirting the groove in rather more than half of its extent, it gradually fades away on either side, sometimes bending slightly towards the groove, as if to cross, sometimes not. The subanal fasciole is large and dumb-bell shaped, and encloses three pairs of pores on either side.

Colours: brownish green, spines white.

Bay of Bengal, 475 fathoms, bottom brown ooze, bottom temperature 45.5° Fahr.

MOLLUSCA.

The Mollusca that we may now regard as characteristic of the hundred-fathom line in the Bay, were again met with in considerable numbers, namely, *Rostellaria delicatula*, Nevill, *Sigaretus* sp., *Tellina* sp., and *Nucula* sp. At about the same depth (128 fathoms) there were dredged *Phos* sp., *Pleurotoma* sp. prox. *atractoides*, Watson, and *Tellina* sp. prox. *Murrayi*, E. A. Smith, and on the coral bank, at 88 fathoms, *Murex palmarosæ*, Lmk.

ARTHROPODA.

CRUSTACEA.

DECAPODA.

At 128 fathoms the Penæid (1.) *Solenocera Hestii*, Wood-Mason, characteristic of that depth here, was dredged.

Of the other crustacea taken, three appear to be new to the Indian record. They are as follows:—

Family **Trapeziidæ.**

QUADRELLA, Dana.

2. *Quadrella coronata*, Dana.

Quadrella coronata, Dana, U. S. Expl. Exped., Crust., Pt. I. p. 266, Pl. XVI. figs. 5 a-d.

A single female.

From the Coral Bank north of Madras, 88 fathoms.

Family **Parthenopidæ.**

PARTHENOPE, Fabr.

3. *Parthenope spinosissima*, A. M.-Edw.

Parthenope spinosissima, A. M.-Edw., Notes sur L' Ile de la Réunion Annexe F., p. 8, Pl. XVII;

A large ovigerous female and a small male.

Colour in life reported to be blood-red.

From the Coral Bank north of Madras, 88 fathoms.

Family **Raninidæ.**

RANINOIDES, Milne-Edwards.

4. *Raninoides personatus*, White MS., Henderson.

Raninoides personatus, Henderson, Challenger Anomura, p. 27, Pl. II. fig. 5.

Numerous specimens from the Bay of Bengal, 31 fathoms.

Family **Homolidæ.**

HYPHOPHYRS, Wood-Mason.

5. *Hypsophrys superciliosa*, Wood-Mason, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., March 1891, p. 269.

Several beautiful specimens, both males and ovigerous females, from the Laccadive Sea, 865 fathoms, bottom *Globigerina* ooze, bottom temperature 40° Fahr.

VERTEBRATA.

PISCES.

ACANTHOPTERYGII.

Family, **Trachinidæ.**

Group *Trachinina*.

BATHYPERCIS, n. gen.

Head large, depressed; body cylindrical, elongate. Cleft of the mouth wide, oblique, with the lower jaw projecting; villiform teeth in J. II. 23.

jaws, vomer, and palatines. Eyes large, supero-lateral. Gill-cleft wide; seven branchiostegals; preoperculum armed; four gills; pseudobranchiæ large. Scales ctenoid; lateral line continuous from occiput to caudal fin, its anterior portion armed. Two separate dorsal fins, the first short, the second long, and equal opposite and similar to the anal. Ventrals jugular.

No air-bladder; no pyloric cæca.

1. *Bathypercis platyrhynchus*, n. sp., Pl. IX fig. 1.

General aspect Platycephaloid, with some superficial resemblances to *Callionymus*.

B. 7. D. 6/14. A. 16. C. 12, with numerous rudimentary rays at base. P. circ. 25. V. 1/5. L. lat., from origin on occiput, 50. L. tr., 11.

Head large, broad, depressed, its extreme length, measured from the tip of the projecting mandible to the apex of the prolonged opercular flap is not much less than half the total, caudal excluded. Body elongate, cylindrical, low, and tapering to the large caudal.

The snout is broad, much depressed, and spatulate, resembling the bill of *Bathipterois*; its extreme length is equal to the major diameter of the orbit, and rather over one-fourth the extreme length of the head. Mouth-cleft wide, slightly oblique, the maxilla reaching nearly to the vertical through the middle of the eye, and ending in a fleshy barbel. Teeth in villiform bands on the jaws, vomer, and palatines. Tongue large, spatulate.

The large eyes are placed close together on the summit of the head, separated from each other by a narrow groove; but the visual axis is lateral. The gill-cleft is very wide, the gill-membranes being free of the isthmus throughout: the preopercular angle is spinate, and the operculum, which is prolonged in membrane nearly to the level of the 4th dorsal spine, has two spines above and one below. Four gills with setiform gill-rakers and broad laminae: pseudobranchiæ large.

The body, and the head and the snout above, are covered with rather large finely ctenoid scales. The lateral line, beginning on the occiput as a close-set row of re-curved spines, or strongly carinated scales, curves inwards towards the first dorsal fin and then downwards along the lower half of the tail, being salient but unarmed in this part of its course.

The first dorsal fin is short, and is separated from the second by four or five rows of scales: the second, which is much more elevated than the first, extends from the level of the vent to within an eye-length of the base of the caudal. The anal fin is similar to the second

dorsal. The pectorals are large and long, reaching to the fourth anal ray. The ventrals are jugular, arising an eye-length in advance of the pectorals: their plane of origin is horizontal, and they reach considerably beyond the scaly bases of the pectorals.

Stomach siphonal with a large caecal sack. No pyloric caeca. No air-bladder.

Colours in spirit, yellowish-brown, with thirteen incomplete and indefinite darker cross-bands on body and tail: a golden-green ocellus on crown of head and in the apex of each opercular flap: spinous dorsal white at base, black in the upper half; second dorsal with dusky bands: caudal and pectorals dusky: anal and ventrals hyaline. Length 4·3 inches.

Bay of Bengal, 128 fathoms.

Family, *Pediculati*.

LOPHIUS, Art.

2. *Lophius mutilus*, n. sp.

This species is distinguished from all its fellows by the structure of the second part of the spinous dorsal fin, which is rudimentary.

B. 5. D. 3/(2)/8. A. 5. C. 8. P. 15. V. 1/5.

Cephalic disk enormous, its width nearly equal to its length, which is not much less than half the total, including the caudal.

The head bones are marked by spinate crests, one small and bifid at the pre-orbital angle; one large and tridentate above each orbit; one at the upper limit of the clavicle, one large and trifid at the angle of the clavicle, and two on the preoperculum—besides numerous ridges ending in acute points.

The eyes are large, their major diameter being nearly one-fifth the length of the head.

The mouth-cleft involves the whole breadth of the cephalic disk. Small depressible fangs of unequal size in three irregular series in the mandible, in two series at the pre-maxillary symphysis, but in a single series along the greater extent of the pre-maxilla: a pair of rigid fangs on each side of the vomer: an uneven row of five or six rigid fangs along each palatine. Gill-cleft relatively wide: three gills.

Head and body covered with loose glandular skin, which forms a row of filaments along the edge of the cephalic disk and along the sides of the tail.

Dorsal spines in the form of plain setae, the first two of which have the usual position close together on the snout, while the third, which is as long as the cephalic disk and nearly twice as long as the second, arises behind the orbit. The second portion of the spinous dorsal is represented by two distant rudimentary rays only visible by

dissection. The soft dorsal, and all the other fins have the usual position.

Colours in spirit, mottled brown, tip of tongue dusky. Length 5.25 inches.

Bay of Bengal, 128 fathoms.

ANACANTHINI.

Family, **Gadidæ.**

PHYSICULUS, Kaup.

3. *Physiculus argyropastus*, n. sp., Pl. IX. fig. 2.

B. 7. D. 8-9/55. A. 57. V. 6.

Head large, broad, depressed, its length a good deal more than one-fourth of the total, caudal included. Height of the compressed body from about half to eleven-nineteenths the length of the head. Snout broad, depressed, rounded, its length equal to the width of the interorbital space and just exceeding the major diameter of the eye. Mouth wide, oblique, with the upper jaw overhanging; the maxilla reaches behind the vertical through the middle of the orbit; broadish bands of villiform teeth in the jaws only. Barbel filiform and inconspicuous, its length not half that of the eye. Gill-openings extremely wide, free from the isthmus throughout: four gills, with about eleven spatulate gill-rakers. Pseudobranchiæ glandular. Body and head invested with small thin deciduous cycloid scales, of which there are six rows between the first dorsal fin and the lateral line.

The first dorsal, which is separated from the second only by a notch, begins in the vertical through the origin of the pectorals; its height is about equal to the length of its base, which is considerably less than one-third that of the head: the second dorsal extends to within an eye-length of the caudal, and its rays, posteriorly especially, are longer than those of the first. The anal begins almost in the vertical through the base of the pectoral, the vent being situated forwards in the vertical through the posterior edge of the operculum. The pectorals are long and pointed, the upper rays reaching to the twelfth or fourteenth anal ray, and being as long as the head behind the middle of the eye. The ventrals arise on narrow horizontal bases: the second ray is nearly as long as the head. There is a post-anal papilla, and a pre-anal pigmented pit, as in *Physiculus roseus*.

The margin of the large thick-walled air-bladder is pectinately lobed somewhat as in Scænoids. Colour in spirit, light pinkish brown, with a silvery sheen; belly, throat, and gill-membranes black.

Bay of Bengal, 128 fathoms.

The largest specimen, an adult female, is 9 inches long.

BREGMACEROS, Thompson.

4. *Bregmaceros MacOlellandii*, Thomps.

A fine specimen from the Bay of Bengal in 128 fathoms.

The small and immature specimens dredged in previous years at and near this depth, probably belong to this species.

Family, Ophidiidæ.

NEOBYTHITES, Goode and Bean.

5. *Neobythites steatiticus*, n. sp., Pl. IX Fig 3.

B. 8. D. circ. 85. A circ. 65. C. 8. P. circ. 22. V. 2.

The large heavy head is in length about one-fourth of the total, caudal included, and is armed with a large opercular spine. The snout, which is bluntly pointed and overhangs the mouth, is in length equal to the diameter of the eye, or between a fifth and a sixth the length of the head. The eyes are large and prominent, without any orbital fold: they are a little over a diameter apart. The nostrils are large, the anterior being a small tube near the tip of the snout, the posterior being a large foramen at the angle of the eye.

The mouth is large, the maxillary extending far behind the posterior border of the orbit, and being nearly half of the head in length.

Teeth viliform, in narrow bands in the jaws, vomer, and palatines.

Gill-cleft very wide, the gill-membranes being separate throughout. Four gills, with broad laminae and close-set gill-rakers, which are long in the middle of the first arch.

Each pseudobranch consists of two pinnules only. The head, body, and base of the dorsal and pectoral fins are covered with small, moderately adherent scales, of which there are about nine rows between the first dorsal ray and the lateral line, and about twenty-one rows between the lateral line and the vent. The vertical fins have long delicate rays, which are completely invested in loose skin: the dorsal begins well in advance of the base of the pectoral, and the anal on a level with the tip of the latter, both being confluent with the caudal at its base.

Pectorals with large fleshy scaly base: the ventrals arise on the pectoral symphysis, and consist of two long filaments fused together in their basal half.

Stomach siphonal; intestine much coiled; about eight or nine minute rudimentary pyloric cæca encircle the pylorus.

Colour in spirit, creamy yellow clouded and marbled with shades of light brown which forms four ill-defined cross-bands, all of them involving the dorsal fin: a large oval ocellus, formed of a black centre

in a broad creamy white ring, on the dorsal fin between the 20th and 30th rays or a little beyond: anal jet black with a milk-white border.

Length of type 5.25 inches.

Bay of Bengal, 128 fathoms.

PHYSOSTOMI.

Family, *Scopelidæ*.

ODONTOSTOMUS, Cocco.

6. *Odontostomus atratus*, n. sp., Pl. IX Fig. 4.

The extreme length of the square, high, compressed head is a little more, and the greatest height of the compressed tapering body is a little less, than one-fourth of the total, caudal included.

The snout has the form of a pointed wart beyond which the upper jaw projects, the lower jaw again projecting beyond the upper.

The eyes, which are situated about a diameter apart, near the top of the head, have their major diameter obliquely vertical, and are capable of such strong rotation inwards as to bring the visual axis obliquely upwards, the orbit being walled in laterally by a stout but transparent fold of skin in its lower half.

The cleft of the mouth extends almost to the posterior edge of the operculum: the premaxillæ are armed with a series of close uniform serrations for the most part pointing forwards, the vomer bears on each side a sabre-shaped depressible fang nearly half as long as the head, the palatines have each an exactly similar fang succeeded by a row of close serrations, and the mandible has on each side a distant series of similar fangs of unequal size, the largest of them however being hardly half the length of those on the vomer and palatines.

Gill-cleft extremely wide and high: four gills with wide laminae and gill-rakers inconspicuous or absent: pseudobranchiæ large.

Body covered with a glandular scaleless skin in which the lateral line appears in spirit as a white streak. Rows of white dots (luminous organs?) exist along the free border of the preoperculum and the inner border of the broad boat-shaped mandible.

The dorsal fin lies altogether within the anterior half of the body: the anal begins about half a head length behind the vertical through the last dorsal ray, and extends to the rudimentary basal rays of the forked caudal. The large pectorals arise close to the ventral profile, almost in the same plane with the ventrals, the bases of which they touch when laid back. The ventrals arise under the middle of the dorsal.

Colour in spirit, jet black.

Length 3.5 inches.

Bay of Bengal, 573 fathoms.

Family **Muraenidae****CONGROMURENA**, Kaup.

7. *Congromurena squaliceps*, n. sp., allied to *C. megastoma*. Gthr. and *C. longicauda*, Alcock.

Head about an eye-length longer than the trunk, which is not quite one-fourth the length of the tail. The snout, which projects far beyond the mouth, is a little more than one-fifth the head in length. The major diameter of the very elliptical eye is not quite two-thirds of the length of the snout. The anterior nostril is a short wide tube situated on the lip near the end of the snout, the posterior is a wide foramen situated in advance of and above the angle of the eye. The mouth-cleft is wide, extending almost to the vertical through the posterior border of the orbit, and the lips are greatly developed: the minute teeth are in bands in the jaws, and in a broad rasp-like patch outside the mouth in the premaxillary; there are a few teeth on the vomer quite anteriorly. Gill-openings comparatively wide, separate. No scales: lateral line with small pores. Pectorals narrow, half an eye-length longer than the snout. Vertical fins confluent, the dorsal beginning nearly an eye-length in advance of the gill-opening.

Colour in spirit, grey, the vertical fins in their after half to two-thirds with a black edge, which in the anal tends to involve the whole fin. A very large air-bladder extending half a head-length beyond the vent. Visceral peritoneum silvery. A sexually mature male 15 inches long from the Bay of Bengal, 128 fathoms.

8. *Congromurena nasica*, n. sp. Allied to the preceding group.

Head depressed, an eye-length longer than the trunk, which is much more than a-fourth the length of the tail (1: about 3·4).

The snout, which projects beyond the mouth, is a fourth the length of the head and nearly twice the major diameter of the eye. The nostrils are as in the preceding species.

The mouth cleft extends almost to the vertical through the posterior border of the orbit. The teeth are in two bands in each jaw, an inner band of minute teeth, and an outer broader band of larger teeth: the premaxillary teeth are in bands outside of the closed mouth, and the vomerine teeth are in a single row along the anterior fourth of the bone.

Gill-openings comparatively wide, separate. No scales: lateral line with minute pores. Pectorals narrow, equal to the snout in length. Vertical fins confluent, the dorsal beginning over the gill-opening.

Colour in spirit gray, the vertical fins in their after third to fourth with a much narrower black edge. Visceral peritoneum black.

Two nearly mature females 10 inches long, and two young from the Bay of Bengal, 128 fathoms. The differences between this species and the preceding are too numerous to support the opinion that they are only different sexes of the same species.

At the same station a specimen of (9.) *Dysomma bucephalus* was dredged.

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With Plates X, XI, XII, and XIII.

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In Sir Joseph Hooker's Flora of British India eighteen species of *Canarium* are described. Of these, twelve are Indo-Malayan, two have hitherto been collected only in the Andaman Islands, and two are confined to Ceylon. The remaining two, viz., *C. strictum*, Roxb., and *C. bengalense*, Roxb. are natives of British India proper, and were both originally published by Roxburgh in his Flora Indica. *C. strictum* is a native of Southern India, and was originally described from specimens received by Roxburgh from the Forests of the Tinnivelli district in the extreme South of the Peninsula. It has since been collected in the Anamalli and Bababudin Hills, in the Concan, and in other parts of the Forests of the Western Ghats. *C. bengalense*, on the other hand, is known only from Sylhet and Assam. The distribution of the two species is therefore very different. All the species of *Canarium* known to me are large trees with tall clear stems, bearing branches, (and consequently flower and fruit), only at their apices. Botanical specimens are therefore not easily obtained, and the various species are poorly represented in most collections, and are therefore but imperfectly understood by Botanists. The species indigenous to British India proper do not in these respects form any exception; for, in spite of the existence for the last five and twenty years of a large and well-organised Forest Department, we do not appear to know more to-day about them than we did when Roxburgh originally described two of them eighty years ago. With the view of directing the attention of forest officers to their study, I venture to submit to the Society descriptions of the two already recognised Indian species, a description of what appears to me to be a new species from Sikkim, and some notes on specimens which appear to belong to two species hitherto unrecognised and undescribed.

CANARIUM, Linn.

Tall resiniferous trees. Leaves alternate, unequally pinnate, stipulate or exstipulate. Flowers bracteate, in panicles or racemes, dimorphous, those with fertile stamens and rudimentary ovaries being smaller but in larger inflorescences, those with fertile ovaries and rudimentary stamens being larger but in smaller inflorescences. *Calyx* campanulate, with 3 valvate lobes or teeth. *Petals* 3, imbricate, longer than the calyx. *Stamens* 6, the filaments united in their lower part to form a tube. *Ovary* 3-celled, ovules 2 in each cell. *Style* cylindric, or stigma subsessile and capitate. *Drupe* ellipsoid, more or less distinctly trigonous, with a 1-3-celled, 1-3-seeded, stone; cotyledons often partite.*

1. *C. BENGALENSE*, Roxb. Hort. Beng. 49: Fl. Ind. III., 136. Young branches glabrous. Leaves 1 to 2 feet long (in young trees considerably more); leaflets 11 to 21, oblong-lanceolate to ovate-oblong, entire, acute, or very shortly acuminate, the base rounded or slightly narrowed; both surfaces glabrous; the main nerves 10 to 20 pairs, sub-horizontal, curving at their tips, distinct on the lower surface when dry; length 3 to 7 in., breadth 1.25 to 2.5 in.; stipules subulate, pubescent, deciduous. Inflorescence glabrous as to the rachises, the pedicels of the flowers puberulous; the male flowers in racemose panicles, the lateral branches of which are pedunculate few-flowered rather lax cymes. *Calyx* about one-third of the length of the corolla, campanulate, its mouth with 3 shallow broad teeth. *Petals* coriaceous, oblong, concave, glabrous. *Staminal-tube* about the same length as the free part of the filaments and anthers; free part of filament slightly shorter than the narrowly ovate anthers. *Disc* none; rudimentary ovary depressed, deeply lobed, hispid at the apex. *Female flower* (fide Roxburgh) like the male; the ovary ovoid, tapering gradually into the style, the stigma 3-cleft. *Ripe drupe* oblong; the style sub-persistent, tapering to each end, smooth, 1.5 to 1.75 in. long and .7 to .8 in. in diam. Hook. fl. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 534; Engler in DC. Monog. Phan. IV, 118.

Assam and Sylhet; Griffith No. 1144. (Kew Distrib.), Simons, S. E. Peal, Mann.

A tall tree like *C. strictum* but, unlike that species, almost entirely glabrous, and having leaves with smaller and more numerous leaflets. According to Mr. S. E. Peal, who has resided and observed in Assam for five and twenty years, its vernacular name in the Sibsagar district of that province is *Neribi*. From wounds in the

* There is no true disc in any of the species here described. What some writers refer to as a disc is merely the tube formed by the union of the dilated lower part of the filaments.

bark a clear amber-like resin exudes which is used for a variety of purposes, but chiefly to be burnt as incense.

Plato X, *C. bengalense*, Roxb.—1. Two leaflets. 2. inflorescence. 3. ripe fruit; of natural size. 4. calyx. 5, 6, 7. petals. 8. staminal column. 9. rudimentary ovary; enlarged. 10. two stamens; much enlarged.

2. *C. STRICTUM*, Roxb. Hort. Beng. 49: Fl. Ind. III, 138. Young branches rufous-tomentose. Leaves 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet long (in young trees up to even 4 feet); leaflets 7 to 9, ovate to elliptic, minutely serrate or crenulate when young, entire or sub-entire when adult, shortly acuminate, the base rounded or slightly cordate and sometimes sub-oblique; when young tomentose on both surfaces; when adult the upper surface glabrous and shining, the lower more or less tomentose with the 11 to 16 pairs of spreading rather straight main nerves bold and prominent and the intermediate nerves distinct and parallel; length 3 to 6 in., breadth 1.5 to 2.5 in., petiolule .25 or .3 in., that of the terminal leaflet two or three times as long. Inflorescence more or less deciduously rusty-tomentose, that of the stamiferous flowers a narrow racemose panicle 6 to 9 in. long, its lateral branches being shortly peduncled few-flowered cymes. Male flowers .35 in. long. Calyx tubular, with 3 shallow, broad, sub-acute teeth. Petals coriaceous, oblong, concave and pubescent outside in the upper two-thirds, glabrous inside. Staminal tube equal in length to the free part of the filaments and the anthers; free part of the filaments dilated towards the base, half as long as the ovate apiculate anthers. Disc none. Rudimentary ovary short, depressed, lobed, hispid. Female flowers .5 in. long, in few-flowered racemes 4 or 5 inches long. Calyx wider than in the male. Staminal tube also as in the male, but shorter and the anthers with little or no pollen. Ovary ovoid-cylindric, tapering into the short thick style; stigma conical. Ripe drupe ellipsoid, tapering more to the apex than to the base, slightly trigonous, glabrous, 1.5 in. long, and .75 in diam. Wight and Arnot Prodr., 175: Dalz. and Gibs. Fl. Bombay, 52: Beddome Fl. Sylvat. I, t. 128; Hooker Fl. Br. Ind. I, 534; Engler in DC. Monog. Phan. IV, 118. *Pimela stricta*, Blume Mus. Bot. Lugd. Bat. I, 226.

Peninsular India, in the moist Forests of the Western Ghats up to elevations of 4,000 to 4,500 feet.

A very tall tree, the young leaves of a beautiful red colour, those of young trees or of young shoots of old trees being much larger than the measurements given above. According to Col. Beddome, the flowers have occasionally 4 petals and 8 stamens. The tree is known to Europeans in Southern India (Beddome Fl. Sylv., 128) as "black dammar." Its Tamil name, says the same authority, is *Karapu Kungi*-

liam; but it is also known as *Googal* and *Dhup*, two words which in the Eastern Himalaya are conjoined as the name of the species which I below name *C. sikkimensis*. In S. Canara *C. strictum* is known as *Manda Dhup*. The resin, which is obtained by the barbarous and destructive method of cutting gashes in the lower part of the stem and then setting it on fire, is an article of trade in Southern India. It is used in the manufacture of bottling-wax, varnishes, &c., and is known by a variety of names of which the commonest are *Dhup*, *Googal*, and *Black dammar*.

Plate XI, *Canarium strictum*, Roxb.—1 and 2. leaflets. 3. inflorescence of male flowers. 4. inflorescence of female flowers. 14. drupe; of natural size. 5. calyx of male flower. 6. the three petals of the same. 7. side view of a petal. 8. staminal tube laid open. 12 and 13, pistils; *enlarged*, 10 and 11. front and back view of stamens; *much enlarged*.

3. *C. SIKKIMENSE*, King, n. sp. Young branches very thick and (like the petioles, petiolules, and under surfaces of leaves) densely rusty-tomentose. *Leaves* 15 to 13 inches long; leaflets ovate or elliptic to oblong, minutely crenate-serrate, shortly acuminate, the base rounded or emarginate, slightly oblique; upper surface (when adult) glabrous, shining; the lower softly tomentose, the 13 to 20 pairs of spreading, rather straight main nerves bold and prominent; length 4 to 7·5 in., breadth 2 to 3·5 in., petiole 1 to 2·5 in. *Male inflorescence* a racemose panicle 9 to 15 in. long, the lateral branches being shortly-stalked few-flowered cymes. *Flowers* 3 in. long. *Calyx* tomentose outside, glabrous inside, campanulate, cut for one-third of its length into 3 broad, obtuse teeth. *Petals* twice as long as the calyx, oblong, obovate, coriaceous, concave and pubescent externally in the upper two-thirds, glabrous within. *Staminal tube* about half as long as the free part of the filaments and anthers, puberulous inside; free part of the filament nearly as long as the linear-ovate anther. *Rudimentary ovary* depressed, hirsute, lobed. *Disc* none. *Female flowers* unknown. *Ripe drupe* narrowly cylindric, ellipsoid, slightly obovoid, glabrous, sub-trigonous, 1·75 in. long and 7 in. in diam. *C. bengalense*, (not of Roxb.) Gamble List of Trees of Darjeeling District, 15.

Sikkim, in tropical valleys at elevations of from 1,000 to 3,000 feet.

This is named *Googal Dhup* by the Nepalese, and *Nar-ok-pa* by the Lepchas. It is a very tall tree, and was once very common on the lower hill-forests; but now, alas! it is rare. According to Mr. Gamble (l. c. 15) the wood is white, open-grained and soft, with large modullary rays, and has a low specific gravity. It yields a resin which is burnt as incense by the Lepchas. This much resembles the Southern Indian *C.*

strictum, Roxb., but differs in having broader leaflets more tomentose beneath, a narrower drupe, and shorter branchlets.

Plate XII. *Canarium sikkimense*, King. 1. Leaflet. 2. inflorescence of male flowers. 3. ripe drupe; of natural size. 4. calyx. 5, 6, & 7. petals. 8. staminal tube. 9. rudimentary ovary; enlarged. 10. stamens; much enlarged.

Besides the foregoing species, of which pretty full materials exist in the Calcutta Herbarium, there are imperfect materials of another species from Assam, viz:—

C. reziniferum, Brace MSS. in Herb. Calc. A large tree 6 or 8 feet in girth, with leaflets resembling those of *C. sikkimense* in shape and size, but having their under surfaces covered with much less and much minuter tomentum, and with the rachises on which they are inserted almost glabrous. The male inflorescence is a panicle of cymes 12 to 16 in. long, the female inflorescence being racemose and only half as long, and both being rufous-puberulous. Drupe ovoid, 1.5 in. long, and nearly 1 in. in diam. when ripe, glabrous. Male and female flowers unknown. Assam and Khasia Hills, G. Mann.

This is the *Dhoona*, or *Dhua*, tree of Assam, and is a species apparently well enough known by its vernacular name and probably common in that province. It yields a resin which is used to make torches. Fruiting specimens of it were collected by Mr. Gustav Mann at Nangpoo and at other places in the Khasia Hills. Male inflorescences with a few worm-eaten flowers accompany other specimens sent to the Calcutta herbarium by the same indefatigable collector. Leaf-specimens collected at Jota Bhor (near Jorhat) in the year 1845 by Mr. Masters, (a collector sent from the Garden,) also exist in the Calcutta Herbarium. But perfect specimens of flowers of both kinds are still wanting. Will no Forest officer now collect them?

Plate XIII. *C. reziniferum*, Brace. 1. Leaflet. 2. inflorescence of male flowers. 3. ripe fruit; of natural size. 4. calyx. 5, 6, & 7. petals. 8. staminal tube. 9. rudimentary ovary; enlarged. 10. two anthers; much enlarged.

There also exist in the Calcutta Herbarium specimens in fruit of a species from Arakan with glabrous oblong leaflets 6 or 7 inches long and about 3 inches broad, with minutely serrate edges, acuminate apices and broad emarginate bases, and drupes like those of *C. strictum*, Roxb. The nearest allies of this are apparently (1) *C. bengalense*, which has however smaller leaflets and much narrower drupes; and (2) *C. euphyllum*, Kurz, a species of which the drupe is as yet unknown.

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No. 6.

ORDER XX. LINEÆ.

Herbs or shrubs. *Leaves* usually alternate, simple, entire, rarely crenate-serrate; stipules lateral or intrapetiolar or 0. *Inflorescence* various. *Flowers* regular, bisexual. *Sepals* 5, rarely 4, free or connate below, imbricate. *Petals* as many, hypogynous or slightly perigynous, usually fugacious, often contorted. *Stamens* 4–5, with as many interposed staminodes, or 8–10, (rarely more) filaments united at the base into a hypogynous or slightly perigynous ring, filiform; anthers versatile, 2-celled. *Glands* 5, entire or 2-lobed, usually adnate to the staminal ring, or obsolete. *Ovary* entire, 3–5 celled; styles 3–5, free or more or less connate, stigmas terminal; ovules 1 or 2, inserted in the inner angle of the cells, anatropous, pendulous. *Fruit* usually splitting into 3–5 cocci, rarely a drupe. *Seeds* 1–2 in each cell, testa sometimes winged, albumen fleshy or 0; embryo nearly as long as the seed, straight, rarely incurved, cotyledons broad, radicle superior.—**DISTRIB.** All regions; genera 14, species about 145.

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| Petals contorted, fugaceous; perfect stamens 2 or 3 times as many as the petals. Fruit drupaceous. Scandent herbs with hooked lateral branchlets | 1 <i>Roucheria</i> . |
| Petals imbricate, with scales on their inner faces, ultimately deciduous; perfect stamens twice as many as the petals. Fruit drupaceous. Shrubs or trees | 2 <i>Erythroxylon</i> . |
| Petals contorted, persistent; stamens 2 to 4 times as many as the petals. Fruit capsular, septicidal | 3 <i>Ixonanthes</i> . |

1. ROUCHERIA, Planch.

Erect or climbing trees or shrubs with revolute woody tendrils. *Leaves* quite entire or glandular-serrate, coriaceous, penninerved; stipules minute, caducous. *Flowers* axillary, yellow, subsessile, or in excessively short fascicled spikes; pedicels bracteolate. *Sepals* 5. *Petals* 5, hypogynous, contorted, fugacious. *Stamens* 10, all fertile, filaments connate into a short tube below. *Glands* obsolete. *Ovary* 3–5-celled,

styles 3-5, filiform, stigmas cuneate, 2-lobed; ovules 2, collateral. *Drupe* scarcely fleshy, subglobose; stone 3-6-angled, bony, cells 1-2-seeded. *Seeds* compressed, pendulous; albumen rather fleshy, embryo with foliaceous cotyledons and an elongate radicle.—DISTRIB. 3 or 4 species, one or more Malayan and 2 from Guiana.

1. *ROUCHERIA GRIFFITHIANA*, Planch. in Hook. Journ. Bot. VI, 143: VII, 527. A glabrous climbing shrub with hooked lateral branchlets. *Leaves* alternate, lanceolate, oblanceolate or elliptic-lanceolate, rather bluntly caudate-acuminate, obscurely crenate-serrate, the base cuneate; main nerves faint, 6 to 8 pairs, curving; length 3 to 5 in., breadth 1·2 to 1·6 in.; petiole ·35 to ·5 in., slender. *Flowers* ·35 in. in diam., in dense shortly-pedicelled clusters of 7 or 8. *Petals* narrowly oblong, obtuse, very fugaceous, thin. *Drupe* ovoid, ·25 in. long, the pulp thin. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 414.

In all the provinces except the Andamans and Nicobars. DISTRIB. Sumatra, Borneo.

2. *ERYTHROXYLON*, Linn.

Shrubs or small trees, usually quite glabrous. *Leaves* alternate, entire, often subdistichous; stipules intrapetiolar, often imbricating on short arrested leafless branches. *Flowers* axillary, small, white or pink, solitary or fascicled, peduncles bracteolate. *Sepals* 5, rarely 6, free or connate. *Petals* 5, hypogynous, deciduous, with an erect double ligula on the inner face, imbricate. *Stamens* 10, rarely 12, filaments united into a glandular or eglandular tube. *Ovary* 3- rarely 4-celled; styles 3, rarely 4, free or connate, stigmas capitate; ovules, 1, rarely 2 in each cell. *Drupe* 1-celled, 1-seeded. *Seed* with a thin testa, albumen variable in quantity or 0; embryo straight, cotyledons plano-convex, radicle short.—DISTRIB. Species about 50, mostly American, and tropical.

1. *ERYTHROXYLON BURMANICUM* Griff. Notul. IV, 468: Ic. Pl. Asiat. t. 581, f. 3. A glabrous tree 20 to 30 feet high. *Leaves* elliptic or obovate-elliptic, obtuse or slightly emarginate, the base cuneate; upper surface shining, the lower glaucous, both with open reticulations; the main nerves about 8 pairs, not more prominent than the secondary; length 1·75 to 2·5 in., breadth ·75 to 1·25 in., petiole ·2 to ·3 in. *Flowers* in clusters of 2 to 4, their pedicels about ·25 in. long. *Fruit* cylindric-clavate, shining, ·5 in. long; the calyx and staminal tube sub-persistent. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 415; Kurz For. Fl. Burma I, 171. *E. sumatranum*, Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. Suppl. 572. *E. retusum*, Bauer ex Teysm. and Binn. in Tijdsch. Nat. Ver. Ned. Ind. XXVIII, 71. *Ficus cuneata*, Wall. Cat. 4534.

In all the provinces. DISTRIB. Burma, Sumatra.

3. *IXONANTHES*, Jack.

Glabrous trees, often turning black in drying. *Leaves* alternate, entire or crenate-serrate, reticulate; stipules minute or 0. *Flowers* small, in axillary cymose dichotomous peduncled panicles. *Sepals* 5-6, shortly connate at the base. *Petals* 5-6, perigynous, contorted, persistent, hardened round the fruit. *Stamens* 10-20, inserted on the outside of a perigynous annular or cupular eglandular disk. *Ovary* free, 5-celled, cells perfectly or imperfectly 2-locellate; style simple, stigma capitate, lobed; ovules 10. *Capsule* coriaceous or woody, oblong or conic, more or less perfectly 10-celled, septicidal, carpels opening inward. *Seeds* winged or crowned with a mitriform aril, albumen fleshy; embryo lateral, cotyledons foliaceous, radicle superior.—*DISTRIB.* Species 3-4, chiefly Malayan.

Leaves oblong-oblanccolate to obovate-oblong,
petals .2 in. long. Capsules .7 in. long,
imperfectly 10-celled ... 1 *I. icosandra*.

Leaves elliptic to elliptic-rotund, not obovate;
petals .3 in. long. Capsules 1.35 to 1.75 in.
long, almost completely 10-celled ... 2 *I. reticulata*.

1. *IXONANTHES ICOSANDRA*, Jack Mal. Miscel. II, No. 7 p. 53: Hook. Comp. Bot. Mag. I, 154. A tree 30 to 40 feet high. *Leaves* coriaceous, oblong-oblanccolate to obovate-oblong, the apex blunt or much rounded; the edges entire, obscurely serrate or crenate, the base cuneate: main nerves spreading, sub-horizontal, faint, about 10 to 12 pairs: length 2.5 to 5.5 in., breadth 1 to 2.5 in., petiole .25 to .5 in. *Cymes* on slender peduncles, many-flowered. *Flowers* ovoid, .2 in. long, scarcely opening; petals broadly elliptic: stamens 12 (usually), the filaments, much longer than the petals. *Capsule* narrowly ovoid, .7 to .8 in. long, 5-valved, imperfectly 10-celled. *Seeds* 10, on elongated podosperms. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 416; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. i., pt. 2, 494. *I. dodecandra*, Griff. Plant. Cantor 12. *I. cuneata*, Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. Suppl. 484 and Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 416. *I. obovata* Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 417. *Gordonia?* *peduncularis*, Wall. Cat. 4409. *Hypericinea dentata*, Wall. Cat. 4832. *Pierotia lucida*, Blume Mus. Bot. i. 180. *Brewstera crenata*, Roem. Synops. i. 141. *Macharisia icosandra*, Planch. MSS. *Ixonanthes* sp. Griff. Notul. iv. 498; Ic. Pl. Asiat., t. 589, f. 2.

In all the provinces except the Nicobars and Andamans; very common.

This is rather a variable plant as to leaves, and to two of the forms specific names have been given. I cannot, however, discover any tangible differences in the flowers or fruit, so I have treated all the forms

as belonging to Jack's *I. icosandra*. The fruit is only imperfectly 10-celled in this species, the vertical processes from the back walls of the cells of the capsule being incomplete. In the next species they are nearly quite complete, and its capsules are really 10-celled.

2. *IXONANTHES RETICULATA*, Jack in Mal. Miscel. II, No. 7, 51; Hook. Comp. Bot. Mag. I. 154. A small tree, occasionally only a shrub. *Leaves* coriaceous, not black when dry, elliptic, sometimes elliptic-rotund, the apex blunt, the base cuneate; main nerves 7 or 8 pairs, slightly prominent when dry, interarching .25 in. from the edge; length 3.5 to 5 in., breadth 2 to 2.75 in., petiole .6 to .8 in. *Cymes* on stout peduncles, few-flowered. *Flowers* ovoid to ovoid-rotund, scarcely opening, .3 in. long, petals broadly elliptic; stamens about 10, the filaments much longer than the petals. *Capsule* 1.35 to 1.75 in. long, 5-valved, 10-celled. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 417; Griffith Plant. Cantor, 11. *Hypericinea macrocarpa*, Wall. Cat. 4833. *Gordonia decandra*, Roxb. Fl. Ind. ii., 573; Wall. Cat. 4408.

In all the provinces except the Nicobar and Andaman Islands.
DISTRIB. Sumatra.

In this species the 5 cells of the fruit are converted into 10 by a dissepiment springing from the wall of each valve. I have never seen the seeds, all the capsules I have met with being empty.

ORDER XXI. MALPIGHIACEÆ.

Trees or shrubs, often climbing. *Leaves* (in the Indian genera) opposite, quite entire; stipules small or 0. *Inflorescence* axillary or terminal; pedicels articulate, usually 2-bracteolate. *Flowers* middling-sized or small, white or yellow, more rarely red, yellow, or blue, hermaphrodite, regular or irregular. *Calyx* usually 5-partite; segments imbricate or valvate, 1 or more (never all) furnished with a large gland, rarely eglandular (*Aspidopterys*). *Petals* 5, clawed or not, often fimbriate, imbricate. *Disc* obscure. *Stamens* 10, hypogynous or subperigynous, equal, or 1 or more much larger than the others, filaments free or connate below, anthers 2-lobed. *Ovary* 3-celled; styles 1-3, rarely 4, straight or circinate, stigmas capitate or punctiform or lateral; ovules solitary in each cell, micropyle superior, raphe ventral. *Fruit* (in all the Asiatic genera except *Brachylophon*) of one or more winged samaras. *Seed* exalbuminous; embryo straight or curved, radicle superior.—
DISTRIB. An order, largely represented in America, but scantily in Asia; genera about 50, species about 620.

Styles 1 rarely 2; calyx glandular.

Fruit of 3, united, many-winged samaras ... 1. *Tristellateia*.

Fruit usually of a single 3-winged samara ... 2. *Hiptage*.

Styles 3 rarely 4; calyx eglandular.

Samaras with large membranous reticulate

wings 3. *Aspidopterys*.

Fruit of 2 or 3 turgid almost wingless cocci 4. *Brachylophon*.

1. TRISTELLATEIA, Thouars.

Woody climbers. *Leaves* opposite or whorled; petiole 1-2-glandular at the apex; stipules minute. *Flowers* yellow, in terminal or lateral racemes. *Calyx* 5-partite, eglandular, or with minute glands. *Petals* 5, clawed. *Stamens* 10, all perfect; filaments rigid, truncate and articulate at the top, anthers acute. *Ovary* 3-lobed; styles 1-2, slender, one or more reduced to small papillæ. *Ripe carpels* 3, each with about 3 or more wings, the whole forming a stellate fruit. *Seed* obovoid, testa membranous; cotyledons fleshy, hooked.—**DISTRIB.** About 8 species, natives of tropical Africa, Asia, and Australasia.

1. *TRISTELLATEIA AUSTRALASICA*, A. Rich. Sert. Astrol. 38 t. 15. Glabrous; *leaves* elliptic, ovate, or oblong, acute, the base cuneate or rounded; main nerves 4 or 5 pairs, forming wide arches far from the margin, faint; length 1·75 to 3·5 in., breadth ·75 to 1·25 in., petiole ·25 to ·35 in., eglandular or with only one gland. *Racemes* 2 to 6 in. long, few-flowered, terminal. *Flowers* 1 in. in diam., their pedicels opposite, minutely 2-bracteolate towards the base. *Petals* ovate. *Fruit* ·5 in. in diam., its wing linear-oblong, coriaceous, recurved or spreading. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 418; Benth. Flor. Austral. I. 286. *Platynema laurifolium*, W. & A. in Edin. New Phil. Journ. 1833, 179; Prodr. 107

Singapore; Wight, Kurz, Anderson. Pangkoro, Scortechini. Pabang, Ridley. **DISTRIB.**—Malayan Archipelago, Australasia.

2. HIPTAGE, Gaertner.

Climbing or suberect shrubs. *Leaves* opposite, quite entire, coriaceous, eglandular, or with a row of remote intramarginal glands beneath; stipules 0. *Racemes* terminal or axillary, simple or compound; peduncles erect, bracteate, jointed to the 2-bracteolate pedicels. *Calyx* 5-partite; glands adnate to the pedicel, large. *Petals* 5, clawed, unequal, white, the odd one discoloured. *Stamens* 10, all fertile, declinate, one much larger than the others; filaments connate at the base. *Ovary* with 3 appendiculate lobes; styles 1 or 2 bearing stigmas, the others rudimentary, all circinate. *Fruit* winged. *Seed* sub-globose, the cotyledons unequal, thick. **DISTRIB.** four tropical Asiatic species.

Main nerves of leaves about 4 pairs, inflorescence tomentose or sericeous, flowers ·35 to

·5 in. in diam 1. *H. sericea*.

Main nerves of leaves 4 to 6 pairs, inflorescence

adpressed-pubescent; flowers .75 to 1 in., in

diam. 2. *H. madablota*.

1. *HIPTAGE SERICEA*, Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 419. A woody climber, the branches and inflorescence more or less covered with soft brown, villous pubescence; lateral branchlets slender, short. *Leaves* elliptic-ovate or oblong, acuminate, glabrous; main nerves about 4 pairs, ascending; length 2 to 6 in., breadth .9 to 3 in., petiole .25 in. *Racemes* 2 to 3.5 in. long, axillary and terminal, sometimes much crowded, minutely tomentose or sericeous, many-flowered. *Flowers* .35 to .5 in. in diam., pedicels thickened at the apex, .25 to .5 in. long. *Petals* clawed, the odd one much lobed, all more or less villous especially externally; central wing of carpel oblanceolate obtuse, with a central ridge near its base, 1.5 to 2 in. long, the lateral much smaller. *H. parviflora*, Wight Cat. 358. *Olerodendron sericeum*, Wall. Cat. 1814.

Penang: Wallich, King's collector, No. 1454. Singapore, Ridley. Pahang, Ridley No 2386. Malacca, Griffith, Derry. Maingay, (Kew Distrib.) No. 272. Perak, King's collector No. 4097.—DISTRIB. Burmah. Gallatly, No. 890.

This is a very variable plant as to leaves, some of the forms having narrowly oblong, while others have broadly elliptic leaves; the nervation is, however, alike in all. As regards vestiture there is also variation, the inflorescence being in some villous, in others minutely tomentose or pubescent. This must come very near, if it be not actually identical with, *H. javanica*, Blume. The Burmese form of this species has not only narrowly oblong leaves, but racemes 6 inches long and more slender than in Malayan specimens. I propose to name it *var. longe-racemosa*.

2. *HIPTAGE MADABLOTA*, Gærtn. Fruct. II, 169, t. 116. A glabrous woody climber, the young parts and inflorescence hoary or adpressed-tomentose, the branches stout. *Leaves* coriaceous, ovate-lanceolate, oblong or ovate-oblong, acute or shortly acuminate, the base rounded or cuneate, both surfaces glabrous: main nerves 4 to 6 pairs, oblique, slightly prominent beneath; length 4.5 to 6 in., breadth 1.5 to 3 in., petiole .25 to .4 in. *Racemes* 1 to 6 in. long, axillary, sometimes leafy, adpressed-pubescent. *Flowers* .75 to 1 in. in diam., fragrant. *Sepals* obtuse, less than half as long as the petals. *Petals* fimbriate, the odd one dashed with yellow. *Fruit* with three coriaceous spreading wings, the middle one oblanceolate, obtuse, 1 to 2 in. long, the 2 lateral linear and half as large. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 418; Kurz For. Flora Burma I, 173; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I, Pt. 2, 585; DC. Prod. I, 583; W. and A. Prod. 107; Wight Ill. t. 50. *Molina racemosa*, Lamk. Dict. IV. 227; Cav. Diss. IX. t. 263. *Gærtnera racemosa*, Roxb. Cor. Pl. I. t. 18; Fl. Ind. II, 368.

Banisteria bengalensis, Linn. *B. unicusularis*, Lamk. *B. tetraptera*, Sonnerat Voy. II, t. 135. Rheede Hort. Malab. VI, t. 59.

In all the provinces. DISTRIB. British India, China, Malayan Archipelago.

3. ASPIDOPTERYS, A. Juss.

Shrubs, usually climbing. *Leaves* opposite, eglandular, quite entire; stipules 0. *Flowers* in simple or compound axillary and terminal panicles; peduncles bracteate, jointed at the top, pedicels often minutely 2-bracteolate. *Flowers* small, yellow or white. *Ocalyx* short, 5-partite, eglandular. *Petals* 5, not clawed, spreading or reflexed, quite entire. *Stamens* 10, all perfect, filaments connate or distinct at the base. *Ovary* 3-lobed, lobes flattened at the back, sides winged; styles 3, glabrous, stigmas capitate. *Fruit* of 1-3 samaras; nucleus sometimes crested or winged at the back, and surrounded with a broad oblong or orbicular wing. *Seeds* oblong, subterete; embryo, straight, cotyledons equal, radicle short.—DISTRIB. Species about 15; all tropical Asiatic.

Leaves ovate or obovate, more or less orbicular; panicles slender, lax, with short flowered lateral branches: samaras ovate, narrowed and retuse at the apex ... 1 *A. concava*.

Leaves ovate or elliptic, narrowed upwards, not orbicular; panicles spreading, the branches umbellate, many-flowered: samaras orbicular ... 2 *A. Helferiana*.

1. ASPIDOPTERYS CONCAVA, A. Juss. in Archiv. Mus. Hist. Nat. III, 509. A climber; young shoots rusty-puberulous, soon becoming glabrous. *Leaves* ovate-elliptic or elliptic, bluntly and shortly acuminate, the base rounded or very slightly narrowed: both surfaces glabrous, the lower minutely dotted when young; main nerves 4 to 6 pairs, curving, ascending; length 3 to 4.5 in., breadth 1.5 to 2.3 in., petiole .5 to .65 in. *Flowers* in spreading lateral umbellate panicles. *Samaras* orbicular, membranous, pale, reticulate, the veins radiating, the nucleus winged, about 1.25 in. in diam; their pedicels slender, minutely bracteolate, often 1.5 in. long. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 420; Kurz For. Flora Burmah, I, 175. *Hiraea concava*, Wall. Pl. As. Rar. I, 13; Cat. 1061. *H. merguensis*, Wight. Ill. J, 139.

Penang; Curtis No. 138, 798. DISTRIB. Burmah.

2. ASPIDOPTERYS HELFERIANA, Kurz Journ. As. Soc. Bengal, Pt. 2, (1874), 137, 184; For. Flora Burma, I, 176. A climber, the young shoots tawny-pubescent. *Leaves* membranous, orbicular-ovate to orbicular-obovate, the apex shortly cuspidate, the base rounded or slightly

cordate, glabrous; main nerves 4 or 5 pairs, curved, ascending; length 3 to 5·5 in., breadth 2·5 to 5 in.; petiole ·5 to ·65 in., puberulous or glabrescent. *Panicles* axillary or terminal, slender, lax, rusty-puberulous when young, the lateral branches distant, few-flowered; ovary quite glabrous, lobes of disc scarcely rugose. *Samaras* ovoid, narrowed towards the retuse apex, membranous, pale brown, with many radiating nerves, reticulate, glabrous, 1 in. or more in length, nucleus with oblong wing. *Hiraea indica* (?) Wall. Cat. 1057.

Andaman Islands. DISTRIB. Burmah.

The type of this species is one of the things included under Wall. Cat. 1057, with which the Andaman specimens in the Calcutta Herbarium agree very well. Kurz has however also referred to this species certain Burmese specimens, viz., Falconer's No. 72 (from Upper Weingo Valley) and Helfer's No. 923, which, although agreeing with each other, hardly agree with the Wallichian No. 1057 from Neidann. By the way! this sheet from Neidann is not included in Wallich's lithographed and published list.

4. BRACHYLOPHON, Oliver.

Glabrous shrubs. *Leaves* opposite, entire. Inflorescence terminal, racemose or corymbose, bracteolate. *Flowers* yellow. *Calyx* 5-partite, eglandular. *Petals* 5, imbricate in bud. *Stamens* 10, all perfect, the alternate shorter; filaments longer than the anthers, flat, conjoined at the base into a short disc: anthers linear, basifixed, opening by 2 apical pores. *Ovary* deeply 3-4-lobed, 3-4-celled; *Styles* 3 or 4, elongate, slender, divergent: ovules solitary in each cell, pendulous, anatropous. *Fruit* usually 3-, sometimes only 2-lobed; separating when ripe into turgid cocci; each coccus keeled along the back, and at the apex produced into a very short wing. *Seed* unknown. DISTRIB. Three species; all Malayan.

Rachides of the racemes ·5 in. long or less,

leaves coriaceous 1 *B. Hullettii*.

Rachides of the racemes 2 in. or more in length.

Main nerves of leaves 7 to 8 pairs, oblique 2 *B. Curtisii*.

Main nerves of leaves 13 to 15 pairs, sub-horizontal 3 *B. Scortechinii*.

1. BRACHYLOPHON HULLETTII, King. n. sp. *Leaves* coriaceous, shining, minutely reticulate, narrowly elliptic, shortly and abruptly acuminate or acute, the base cuneate: main nerves 10 to 12 pairs, rather prominent beneath, sub-horizontal, interarching far from the margin; length 4 to 7 in., breadth 1·8 to 2·5 in., petiole ·1 in. *Racemes* terminal, the

rachis less than .5 in. long, 4-to 8-flowered; pedicels .75 in. long, bracteolate at the base. *Sepals* ovate, blunt.

Malacca: on mount Ophir, Hullett.

An imperfectly known plant, easily distinguished from both the other species by its much shorter racemes and more coriaceous leaves.

2. *BRACHYLOPHON CURTISII*, Oliver in Hook, Ic. Plantar. t. 1566. A shrub 3 to 6 feet high. *Leaves* membranous, narrowly elliptic to ovate-rotund, acuminate, the base cuneate; upper surface glabrous, the lower scaberulous; main nerves 7 or 8 pairs, not much more prominent than the intermediate, oblique, interarching .15 in. from the edge; length 3.5 to 7 in., breadth 2 to 2.25 in., petiole .1 in. *Racemes* corymbose, 1 to 2 in. long. *Flowers* .75 in. in diam.; pedicels slender, .8 to 1.2 in. long, bracteolate at the base. *Petals* yellow, oblong, obtuse, entire, shortly clawed, .5 in. long. *Ripe fruit* .35 to .5 in. long, .25 in. broad.

Penang: Curtis No. 231.

3. *BRACHYLOPHON SCORTECHINII*, King, n. sp. A shrub 3 to 6 feet high. *Leaves* membranous, oblong-lanceolate to oblong-elliptic, sometimes oblong-oblancheolate, tapering from the middle to each end, both surfaces glabrous: main nerves 13 to 15 pairs, rather faint, sub-horizontal, interarching .15 to .2 in. from the edge: length 5 to 11 in., breadth 2 to 4 in., petiole .15 in. *Racemes* corymbose, terminal and axillary, 2 to 3 in. long, many-flowered, the rachis tuberculate. *Flowers* about .6 in. in diam.; pedicels slender, .65 to 1 in. long, bracteolate at the base. *Calyx-teeth* oblong, obtuse, puberulous, the edges ciliolate. *Petals* ovate, obtuse, entire, glabrous, .5 in. long. *Filaments* flattened, unequal but all much longer than the petals. *Ovary* 3- to 4-lobed, or 3- to 4-celled: styles 3 or 4, as long as the filaments, spreading, cylindric. *Fruit* unknown. *Rysopteris elliptica*, Scortechini MSS.

Perak: Scortechini, Wray, King's collector.

I have not seen fruit of this. In its flowers it closely resembles *B. Curtisii*, Oliver, but its leaves are larger, more membranous, and have more numerous nerves than those of *B. Curtisii*.

ORDER XXII. GERANIACEÆ.

Herbs, undershrubs, or rarely trees; glabrous or more usually pubescent and glandular. *Leaves* opposite or alternate, usually 2-stipulate. *Peduncles* usually solitary and axillary, 1- or more flowered. *Flowers* umbelled, cymose or racemose, usually showy, hermaphrodite, regular or irregular. *Sepals* 5, rarely 4 or 2, free or united to the middle, imbricate or rarely valvate, the posticous sometimes spurred. *Petals* as many as the sepals or fewer by suppression, or 0, hypogynous or subperigynous, variously imbricated, rarely contorted. *Torus* scarcely

expanded into a disc, with 5 glands alternating with the petals, or without glands, raised in the centre into a beak, rarely flat. *Stamens* as many as, or double, or treble the sepals, or fewer by suppression; filaments filiform or dilated, or connate into a ring; anthers 2-celled; cells parallel, opening lengthwise. *Ovary* 3-5-lobed, 3-5-celled, rarely 2-lobed, of 3-5-carpels, united with the axis as far as the insertion of the ovules, sometimes lengthened into a beak-bearing style or styles, which are free or more or less united; stigmas capitate, linear or ligulate; ovules 1 or 2 or rarely more, horizontal or pendulous or ascending. *Fruit* capsular, 3-5-lobed, lobes 1-seeded, often separating from the axis, septicidal or loculicidal, rarely berried. *Seeds* pendulous or horizontal, albumen 0, or scanty or fleshy; embryo straight or curved; cotyledons flat, convex or variously folded, foliaceous or thick or fleshy; radicle either short and near the hilum, or longer and inflected, or incumbent on the cotyledons.—DISTRIB. Genera 20, with about 800 species, chiefly inhabiting temperate climates.

OXALIDÆ.—Leaves compound, flowers regular.

Herbaceous.

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| Leaves 3-foliolate | ... | ... | 1. <i>Oxalis</i> . |
| Leaves pinnate | ... | ... | 2. <i>Biophytum</i> . |

Woody.

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| Shrubs or trees, not scandent, fruit probably indehiscent | ... | ... | 3. <i>Connaropsis</i> . |
| Scandent shrubs, fruit certainly dehiscent | | | 4. <i>Dapania</i> . |

BALSAMINÆ.—Leaves simple, flowers irregular.

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| Lateral petals connate in pairs, fruit capsular. | | | 5. <i>Impatiens</i> . |
| Lateral petals free: fruit drupaceous | ... | ... | 6. <i>Hydrocera</i> . |

1. OXALIS, Linn.

Acid herbs, rarely shrubby. *Leaves* radical or alternate, stipulate or ex-stipulate, compound, usually 3-foliolate. *Flowers* on axillary, 1- or more flowered peduncles, regular. *Sepals* 5, imbricate. *Petals* 5, hypogynous, contorted. *Glands* of the disc 0. *Stamens* 10, free or united at the base, all anther-bearing. *Ovary* 5-lobed, 5-celled; styles 5, distinct; stigma terminal, capitate, 2-fid or laciniate: ovules 1 or more in each cell. *Capsule* with loculicidal dehiscence, valves persistent to the axis. *Seeds* with an outer fleshy coat which bursts elastically, testa crustaceous, albumen fleshy, embryo straight.—DISTRIB. Species about 200, chiefly tropical and temperate S. American and S. African.

1. *OXALIS CORNICULATA* Linn. DC. Prod. I, 692. A diffuse, creeping, adpressed-pubescent herb with long-petioled 3-foliolate, stipulate

leaves; the leaflets obcordate, the stipules adnate to the petiole. *Flowers* sub-umbellate on 2- to many-fid, setaceous bracteolate peduncles. *Sepals* obtuse. *Petals* obcordate, yellow. *Fruiting pedicels* often depressed. *Capsules* sub-cylindric, tomentose, many-seeded. *Seeds* transversely striate. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 436; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I, pt. 2. p. 135; Boiss. Fl. Orient. i., 866; Wall. Cat. 4347; Roxb. Fl. Ind. ii. 457; W. & A. Prodr. 142. *O. repens*, Thunb; Wight Ic. t. 18; Blume Bijdr. 243. *O. pusilla*, Salisb.; Roxb. l.c.

Perak: by the sides of damp foot-paths near the bases of the hills.
Penang: on Government Hill, Curtis.

2. BIOPHYTUM, De Cand.

Annual, rarely perennial herbs, with simple or branched stems. *Leaves* abruptly pinnate, fascicled or almost whorled at the top of the stem; leaflets opposite, oblique; petiole swollen at the base. *Peduncles* terminal, pedicels umbelled. *Flowers* small, yellow, or white. *Sepals* 5, lanceolate, acuminate. *Petals* 5. *Stamens* 10; filaments free, 5 outer smaller. *Styles* 5, stigmas notched at the apex or 2-fid. *Capsule* ovoid or oblong, or subglobose, splitting loculicidally sometimes to the base into 5 spreading valves. *Seeds* as in *Oxalis*.—DISTRIB. Tropical Asia, Africa, and America. Species about 20.

Leaflets 8 to 20 pairs, equal-sided, glabrous,
their bases truncate, slightly oblique: flower-
pedicels usually shorter than the sepals, petals
yellow 1. *B. sensitivum*.

Leaflets 18 to 25 pairs, unequal-sided, sparsely
hispid on upper surface, their bases obliquely
truncate; flower-pedicels longer than the
sepals, petals white... .. 2. *B. adiantoides*.

1. BIOPHYTUM SENSITIVUM, DC. Prod. I, 690. Stem 4 to 10 in. long, hispidulous, erect or decumbent, bearing at its apex 8 to 20 pinnate leaves 1.5 to 5 in. long; leaflets 6 to 15 pairs, the lower pairs oblong, the upper pair obovate-oblong, the apices of all obtuse, sometimes mucronate, the bases truncate, subequal, glabrous, .25 to .5 in. long. *Peduncles* variable in length, sometimes nearly as long as the leaves, puberulous, each bearing at its apex a bracteolate umbel of 10 or 12 flowers; bracteoles setaceous, as long as the flower pedicels, pedicels pubescent, as long as the sepals. *Petals* yellow. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 436; Roxb. Fl. Ind. II, 457; W. and A. Prod. 162; Bot. Reg. XXXI, t. 68; Wall. Cat. 4343 C. E.

Malacca: Griffith. Penang, on the coast, Curtis; and probably in the other provinces.

2. BIOPHYTUM ADIANTOIDES, Wight ex Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 437.

Stem from 6 to 12 in. high, erect or decumbent, pubescent, bearing at its apex 10 or 12 pinnate leaves 4 to 7 in. long; leaflets 18 to 25 pairs, oblong, obtuse, unequal-sided, the apex mucronate, the base obliquely truncate, sometimes auricled at the upper margin, sparsely strigose on the upper surface. *Peduncles* more than half as long as the leaves, pubescent, each bearing at its apex a densely bracteolate umbel of 6 to 12 flowers; bracteoles short, setaceous: flower-pedicels slender, puberulous, longer than the sepals. *Petals* white, the claws yellow.

Perak: on the banks of the Kamha river, King's collector, No. 931; on the Plus river, Wray No. 3363. Goping, Scortechini, No. 1999. **DISTRIB.** Burmah.

3. CONNAROPSIS, Planch.

Trees or shrubs. *Leaves* pinnately 1-3-foliolate; leaflets coriaceous, quite entire, strongly nerved, triple-nerved at the base, margined. *Flowers* minute, regular, in terminal and axillary paniced cymes. *Sepals* 5, imbricate, connate at the base. *Petals* 5, imbricate. *Glands* 0. *Stamens* 10, filaments united at the base, the alternate shorter. *Ovary* 5-angled, 5-celled; styles 5, subulate, more or less united below, stigmas apiculate; ovules 2 in each cell. *Fruit* fleshy, 5-lobed or 5-angled with succulent epicarp and fibrous endocarp, 1- or 2-celled and 1- or 2-seeded by abortion, indehiscent. **DISTRIB.** Five species, all Malayan.

Leaves 3-foliolate 1. *C. Griffithii*.

Leaves 1-foliolate.

Leaves 2 to 3·5 in. long 2. *C. monophylla*.

Do. 6 to 12 in. long 3. *C. macrophylla*.

1. CONNAROPSIS GRIFFITHII, Planch. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. 440.

A small tree; young shoots glabrescent, dark-coloured when dry. *Leaves* pinnately trifoliolate, coriaceous, glabrous; leaflets elliptic-lanceolate, acuminate, the base cuneate; main nerves 4 pairs, ascending: length 2 to 3·5 in., breadth ·5 to 1 in., petiolule ·15 in. *Panicles* terminal, minutely ferruginous-tomentose, 1·5 to 2 in. long. *Fruit* unknown.

Malacca: Griffith, No. 1667. Maingay (Kew Distrib.), No. 274.

2. CONNAROPSIS MONOPHYLLA, Planch. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. L, 440.

A shrub or small tree; young shoots minutely ferruginous-pubescent. *Leaves* 1-foliolate, coriaceous, glabrous, ovate, acuminate, the base rounded or sub-cuneate: main nerves about 6 pairs, faint; length 2 to 3·5 in., breadth ·8 to 1·5 in.; petiole ·6 to ·8 in., thickened and pointed towards the apex. *Panicles* terminal or lateral, 2 to 4 in. long, ferruginous-tomentose; the branches erect and spike-like; flowers

crowded. *Fruit* ovoid, glabrous, obtusely 5-angled and furrowed, .3 in. long.; endocarp fibrous, sarcocarp fleshy.

Malacca; Griffith No. 947; Maingay (Kew Distrib.) as 273. Perak, Scortechini, King's collector, Wray.

3. *CONNAROPSIS MACROPHYLLA*, King n. sp. A shrub or small tree: young branches glabrescent or glabrous. *Leaves* 1-foliate, coriaceous, glabrous, oblong, acute or shortly acuminate, scarcely narrowed to the rounded sub-truncate or sub-emarginate base; main nerves 8 or 9 pairs, spreading, the reticulations distinct beneath: length 6 to 12 in., breadth 2.35 to 3.65 in.; petiole .5 in., jointed above the middle. *Flowers* in two or three terminal or lateral spikes which are sometimes united to form a kind of panicle. *Spikes* glabrescent, 2 or 3 in. long. *Flowers* crowded. *Fruit* ovoid, apiculate, glabrous, about .3 in. long.

Perak: King's collector, Nos. 433, 3124; Ridley No. 3087. Province Wellesley; Curtis No. 474.

4. *DAPANIA*, Korthals.

Woody climbers. *Leaves* alternate, simple, coriaceous, entire, the petiole jointed about the middle. *Flowers* small, regular, sometimes unisexual, in slender spike-like racemes which are solitary, or in fascicles, axillary or from tubercles on the stem. *Sepals* 5, connate at the base, imbricate. *Petals* 5, hypogynous, imbricate, longer than the sepals. *Stamens* 10, the alternate 5 shorter, all united at the base into a shallow tube. *Ovary* deeply 5-lobed, 5-celled, each cell usually with 1 (sometimes with 2) pendulous ovule from an axile placenta. *Fruit* clavate, the calyx persistent but not enlarged, deeply 5-lobed, the epicarp slightly fleshy, the endocarp fibrous, 5-celled, 5-seeded, dehiscing loculicidally so as to form a five-rayed fibrous star with a seed attached to the central ridge (placenta) of each segment. **DISTRIB.** About 4 species; all Malayan.

1. *DAPANIA SCANDENS*, Stapf in Hook. Ic. Pl., t. 1997. A glabrous climber 50 to 100 feet long. *Leaves* ovate-elliptic, acuminate, the base rounded; main nerves 4 or 5 pairs, ascending, faint, length 3 to 5 in., breadth 1.25 to 2 in.; petiole .25 to .35 in., jointed about the middle. *Racemes* slender, puberulous, about 1.5 to 2.5 in. long. *Flowers* some hermaphrodite and some with stamens only, .1 to .15 in. long, each with a minute ovate bracteole at the base of its short pedicel. *Calyx-lobes* obtuse, ciliolate. *Petals* oblong, ob-lanceolate, twice as long as the calyx. *Fruit* 3 in. long, dehiscing into a flat star-shaped mass 4 in. in diam. *Connaropsis dioica*, Scortechini MSS. in Herb. Calcutta.

Perak: Curtis. Scortechini, Wray, King's collector.

By far the majority of the flowers have stamens only, the pistils

being either quite rudimentary or absent: these male flowers are about half as long again as the hermaphrodites. The genus *Dapania* was founded by Korthals to receive the Sumatran plant which that author called *D. racemosa*. Of this, there is an authentic specimen in the Calcutta Herbarium; but unfortunately it has neither flowers nor fruit. Amongst Forbes' plants collected in Sumatra, No. 1217 agrees so perfectly with Korthal's *D. racemosa* in foliage, as to leave no doubt that it belongs to the same species; and on Forbes' specimens there are ripe fruits. These ripe fruits, as well as its leaves, show *D. racemosa* to be quite distinct from *D. scandens*, Stapf, the leaves being thinner in texture, and the fruits longer than those of *D. scandens*. The seeds of Forbes' specimens do not, however, show the curious aril (lacinate and almost 2-lipped) which Korthals describes: and, as the seeds of *D. scandens* show no trace of an aril, I agree with Dr. Stapf that Korthals probably described the existence of an aril as the result of some confusion. The majority of the ovaries dissected by me have only a single ovule: in one or two cases, however, a second (as figured by Dr. Stapf) has been found. In no case, however, have I found two seeds in a loculus of the fruit. There is no doubt that, as Dr. Stapf points out, the genus *Connaropsis* comes very near *Dapania*; and it may become desirable, as both genera became better known, to reduce *Connaropsis* (which dates only from 1862) to *Dapania* which was published in 1854. In the meantime the fruit of *Connaropsis* is not properly known, and there is no evidence that it is dehiscent. The fruit of *C. monophylla* is very like that of *Dapania scandens*, but no specimens that I have seen show any sign of dehiscence; while that of *C. macrophylla* is but little angled externally and the appearance of all the specimens I have seen is suggestive of indehiscence. Moreover, all the species of *Dapania* appear to be scandent; while all those of *Connaropsis* are shrubby or arboreous. Concerning the structure of the seeds I can say nothing, not having met with good seeds of either. The two genera remain at present separated chiefly by these two points of difference, viz., dehiscence of the fruit and habit. Whether others may be found remains to be seen when better materials shall be obtained.

Beccari's specimen (P. S. 900) appears to belong to a species slightly different from either *D. scandens* or *D. racemosa*. And, as I understand from Dr. Stapf, the same Collector's No. 2951, from Borneo (which I have not myself examined), belongs to still another species.

5. IMPATIENS, Linn.

Herbs, rarely shrubby at the base. *Leaves* opposite or alternate, in some whorled, in others all radical, simple, exstipulate, or with

stipular glands at the base of the petiole. *Flowers* in scapes, or in axillary or terminal 1-2 or many-flowered peduncles, irregular, resupinate. *Sepals* 3, rarely 5, imbricate; 2 anterior when present minute; 2 lateral small, flat, usually green; posterior (anterior in flower) large, petaloid, produced into a hollow spur or sac. *Petals* 3 (or 5); anterior (outer in bud) large; lateral 2-lobed (or 2 connate). *Stamens* 5, filaments short, broad; anthers cohering. *Disc* 0. *Ovary* oblong, 5-celled; stigma sessile, 5-toothed; ovules many, 1-seriate in each cell. *Capsule* loculicidal; valves 5, elastically springing away from a placentiferous axis. *Seeds* smooth or tubercled, glabrous or hairy, albumen 0; embryo straight.—*DISTRIB.* Mountainous parts of Trop. Asia and Africa, rare in Temp. Europe, N. America, N. Asia, and S. Africa; species about 200.

Flowers yellow: stem fleshy, several feet high

and more than a foot in diam. at the base ... 1. *I. mirabilis*.

Flowers lilac, purple or white: stems herbaceous, slender.

Leaves linear-lanceolate, the upper whorled, the lower in pairs, opposite...

2. *I. Griffithii*.

Leaves linear-oblong to obovate or rotund, all opposite ...

3. *I. chinensis*.

1. *IMPATIENS MIRABILIS*, Hook. fil. in Curtis's Bot. Mag., t. 7195. Stem fleshy, cylindric, 3 to 5 feet high and 18 to 20 in. in diam. at the base, branched above. *Leaves* thinly fleshy, crowded at the ends of the branches, much narrowed to the base, obovate to ovate, crenate, with a thick fleshy midrib and 13 or 14 pairs of faint pinnate nerves, both surfaces glabrescent: length 5 to 7 in., breadth 3.5 to 4.5 in., petiole 1 to 1.5 in. *Racemes* axillary, as long as, or longer than the leaves, slender, and few-flowered. *Flowers* yellow, 1.75 in. long, sepals 3; the lateral elliptic-oblong, acute; the posterior widely hemispheric with a short incurved spur; anterior petal rotund, transversely oblong, the lateral petals united into a single 3-lobed piece.

Langkani: Curtis No. 1678.

The above description of this very remarkable species is chiefly copied from Sir Joseph Hooker.

2. *IMPATIENS GRIFFITHII*, Hook. fil. and Thoms. in Journ. Linn. Soc. IV, 120: Fl. Br. Ind. I, 445. Herbaceous; stem a foot or more in height, erect, terete, sparsely puberulous. *Leaves* linear-lanceolate, much narrowed towards the base, those in the lower part of the stem in pairs, opposite and petiolate; those in the upper part narrower, in whorls of three and sessile; all remotely serrate-toothed, 1.5 to 4 in. long; the texture rather thick, the lower surface pale and glabrous, the upper sparsely hairy. *Pedicels* solitary, rarely paired, slender,

1 in. or more in length. *Flowers* 1 in. in diam., flattish, rose-lilac. *Sepals* ovate-oblong, acuminate: standard broadly obcordate with a filiform spur behind, the wings broadly bi-lobed. *Capsule* elliptic, turgid in the middle.

Malacca: on Mount Ophir, Gerai, &c.; Griffith, Maingay.

3. *IMPATIENS CHINENSIS*, Linn. Herbaceous: stem 4 to 18 in. long, suberect, decumbent and rooting at the base, angled. *Leaves* subsessile, varying from linear-oblong to obovate or almost rotund, acute or obtuse, sharply serrate, always opposite, the base acute or rounded, often auricled; texture rather thick, glaucous beneath, glabrous or sparsely hairy, .5 to 4 in. long: stipules setaceous, glandular, recurved. *Flowers* .5 to 1 in. in diam., flattish, purple, or white. *Pedicels* solitary or fascicled, sometimes longer than the leaves. *Sepals* linear: standard orbicular, the wings semi-obovate, entire, auricled at the base; spur slender, long, incurved. *Capsule* .5 to .75 in. long, elliptic, turgid in the middle.

Malacca; Griffith. *DISTRIB.* China, British India.

6. *HYDROCERA*, Blume.

A glabrous erect marsh herb. *Leaves* narrow, alternate. *Flowers* in short axillary 1-2-flowered peduncles, irregular. *Sepals* 5, coloured, imbricate; 2 outer lateral, flat; posticous one produced into a short hollow spur. *Petals* 5, the anticus outer, very large, concave. *Disc-glands* 0. *Stamens* 5; filaments short, flat; anthers slightly cohering around the pistil. *Ovary* 5-celled; stigmas 5, sessile; ovules 2-3 in each cell. *Drupe* baccate, endocarp bony, truncate, 5-celled, cells 1-seeded. *Seeds* curved, corrugated, albumen 0; cotyledons plano-convex, thickish, radicle short, superior.—*DISTRIB.* One tropical Asiatic species.

1. *HYDROCERA TRIFLORA*, W. & A. *Prod.* I, 140. Annual; the stem often floating, fistular, often flexuose and rooting at the nodes; branches erect, 1 to 2 feet long, 5-angled. *Leaves* linear-lanceolate, serrate, attenuated into a petiole at the base, stipulate, glands two. *Flowers* 1 in. in diam., red white and yellow. *Drupe* globose, .75 in. in diam., smooth, red, when dry 5-angled and truncate. *Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind.* I, 483; *Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I*, Pt. 2, 132; *H. f. & T. in Journ. Linn. Soc.* iv. 156. *H. angustifolia*, Blume *Bijd.* 241. *Impatiens triflora*, Linn. *DC. Prodr.* i. 687; *Wall. Cat.* 4756. *I. ? natans*, Willd.; *DC. Prodr.* i. 687; *Roxb. Fl. Ind.* i, 652; *Wall. Cat.* 4755. *Tytonia natans*, G. Don, *Gen. Syst.* i. 749. *Balsamina angustifolia*, Burm. *Thes. Zeyl.* t. 16 fig. 2 (*inaccurate*).

In all the Provinces except the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. *DISTRIB.* Malayan Archipelago, British India, Ceylon.

ORDER XXIII. RUTACEÆ.

Trees or shrubs, rarely herbs, abounding in pellucid glands filled with essential oil. *Leaves* opposite or alternate, simple or compound, exstipulate. *Flowers* in axillary or terminal cymes or panicles, never spiked, usually bisexual and regular in the Indian species. *Ocalyx* of 4-5 small lobes or sepals. *Petals* 4-5, hypogynous (in the Indian genera), valvate or imbricate. *Stamens* 4-5 or 8 or 10, rarely more (*Citrus*, *Ægle*); filaments usually free, hypogynous; anthers 2-celled, opening inwards. *Disc* within the stamens, crenate or lobed, sometimes large or long. *Ovary* of 4-5 free or connate carpels; styles as many, free or variously united; stigmas terminal, entire or lobed; ovules usually 2 in each cell. *Fruit* a capsule, berry or drupe, or 1-4 capsular cocci. *Seeds* usually solitary in the cells, testa various, albumen fleshy or 0; embryo straight or curved, radicle superior.—**DISTRIB.** Tropical and extratropical. Genera 83, and about 70 species.

Ripe fruit separating into dehiscent cocci or follicles.

Flowers generally unisexual; disc free or absent; ovaries partially united; styles basilar or ventral, free at the base; cells 2-ovuled.

Leaves opposite.

Stamens 4 or 5 ... 1. *Evodia*.

Stamens 8, four perfect opposite the sepals, alternating with four imperfect opposite the petals... 2. *Tetractomia*.

Stamens 8, all perfect ... 3. *Melicope*.

Leaves alternate, stamens 3 to 5 ... 4. *Zanthoxylum*.

Ripe fruit indehiscent.

Flowers polygamous: petals 4, stamens 8; disc free: ovaries and styles 4, united, the cells 2-ovuled; fruit syncarpous, 4-celled, indehiscent, seed albuminous;

leaves 1-foliolate ... 5. *Acronychia*.

Flowers hermaphrodite, petals and stamens free or connate, ovaries and styles completely united, cells 1-to many-ovuled: fruit a berry, sometimes with but little pulp, seed exalbuminous

Unarmed.

Style short, persistent; leaves

1 to 5-foliolate ... 6. *Glycosmis*.

Style deciduous, leaves pinnate.

Cotyledons leafy, crumpled ;
petals valvate ; filaments
linear-subulate, not dilated
at the base ... 7. *Micromelum*.

Cotyledons fleshy, plano-con-
vex, petals imbricate.

Filaments not dilated at
the base... 8. *Murraya*,

Filaments dilated at the
base ... 9. *Clausena*.

Armed ; leaves 3-to 8-foliolate.

Calyx 3-lobed, petals 3, stamens 6 10. *Triphasia*.

Calyx cup-shaped, entire or obs-
curely lobed : petals 4, stamens
8 to 10 ... 11. *Luvunga*.

Armed or unarmed ; leaves 1-foliolate.

Anthers linear-oblong, disc cylin-
dric forming a gynophore ... 12. *Paramignya*.

Anthers ovate-oblong, sometimes
cordate, the filaments free or
conjoined into a tube ; disc
cupular ... 13. *Atalantia*.

1. EVODIA, Forst.

Trees or shrubs, unarmed. *Leaves* opposite, simple or 1-3-foliolate or imparipinnate, quite entire. *Flowers* small, in paniced axillary cymes, unisexual. *Sepals* 4-5, imbricate. *Petals* 4-5, sessile, valvate or slightly imbricate. *Stamens* 4-5, inserted at the base of the disc, filaments subulate, anthers oblong. *Ovary* deeply 4-lobed, 4-celled ; style basilar, stigma 4-lobed, ovules 2 in each cell, collateral or superposed. *Fruit* of 2 to 4 coriaceous 1 to 2-seeded cocci ; endocarp horny, elastic. *Seeds* oblong or globular, testa bony or crustaceous, shining ; hilum linear, albumen fleshy ; embryo straight, cotyledons ovate.—
DISTRIB. About 25 species, natives of tropical Asia, the Pacific, the E. African Islands, and Australia.

Leaves 3-foliolate.

Leaflets usually more or less obovate :
cymes broad pyramidal or corymbose,
much branched.

Lower surface of leaflets pubescent... 1. *E. latifolia*.

Lower surface of leaves glabrous.

Apices of leaflets acuminate or apiculate, main nerves rather faint, sub-horizontal or slightly ascending; cymes pyramidal... 2. *E. Roxburghiana*.

Apices of leaflets shortly and abruptly acuminate, main nerves rather faint, sub-horizontal or ascending, cymes corymbose ... 3. *E. glabra*.*

Apices of leaflets obtuse, nerves very prominent beneath, cymes corymbose ... 4. *E. robusta*.

Leaflets oblong or elliptic-oblong, not at all obovate, tapering little to the ends: ripe cocci 4 in. long ... 5. *E. macrocarpa*.

Leaflets oblong-elliptic, tapering to each end: cymes few-branched, very tomentose: flowers in globular masses ... 6. *E. pilulifera*.

Leaflets oval to elliptic, obtuse or sub-acute, very coriaceous, the edges revolute when dry: cymes small, flowers 25 in. long ... 7. *E. pachyphylla*.

Leaves 1-foliate ... 8. *E. pedunculosa*.

1. *EVODIA LATIFOLIA*, DC. Prod. I., 724. A tree 15 to 20 feet high: young branches stout, obscurely 4-angled, flattened at the nodes, rusty or tawny-puberulous. *Leaves* 3-foliate, membranous, the petiole 4 to 6 in. long, usually angled, puberulous; leaflets obovate-elliptic to elliptic, acute or shortly acuminate, the base cuneate; main nerves 13 to 18 pairs, spreading, curving, prominent beneath; upper surface glabrescent or glabrous except the tomentose midrib and nerves, the lower softly pubescent, sometimes becoming glabrescent when old; length 5 to 9 in., breadth 2.5 to 4.5 in. (the middle one usually the largest); petiole 2 to 4 in. *Cymes* axillary, broad, with opposite spreading rusty-tomentose branches on stoutish puberulous peduncles 1 to 2 in. long. *Flowers* less than 1 in. long, densely crowded; sepals sub-acute, pubescent outside; petals glabrous except a few hairs on the back outside; ovary villous. *Cocci* 2 or 3 from each flower, broadly ovate, blunt, sub-glabrous, 1-2-seeded: seed black. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I., 489; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. i. pt. 2, 672; Ann. Mus. Lugd. Bat. iii, 244. *Zanthoxylum Bumphanum*, Cham. in Linnaea v. 58.

In all the provinces, except the Andamans and Nicobars: **DISTRIB.** Malayan Archipelago.

In its flowers and fruit this closely resembles *E. Roxburghiana*, Benth., but the leaves are different.

2. *EVODIA ROXBURGHIANA*, Benth. *Flora of Hong-Kong*, 59. A small tree; branches glabrous, opposite. *Leaves* glabrous, 3-foliolate, the petiole 2 to 5 in. long, terete; leaflets thinly coriaceous, shortly petiolulate, obovate, oblanceolate or oblong, the apex rounded acuminate or apiculate: main nerves 12 to 18 pairs, horizontal or slightly ascending, not prominent; length 2·5 to 6 in., breadth 1·25 to 3·25 in., the middle leaflet the largest; petiolule ·15 to ·25 in. *Cymes* pedunculate, spreading; the branches opposite, minutely bracteolate at the base: peduncles 2 to 3 in. long: cymes about 2·5 to 3 in. in diam. *Flowers* densely crowded, whitish, ·1 to ·15 in. long; the anthers exserted, shortly pedicelled, sepals very obtuse, ovary pubescent. *Cocci* about 2 from each flower, ovoid, pointed, 1-to 2-seeded, ·2 to ·3 in. long. *Seeds* black, shining. Hook. fil. *Fl. Br. Ind.* I, 487; Kurz *Fl. Burm.* I, 180. *E. triphylla*, Bedd. *Flor. Sylvat*; Anal. Gen. xli. t. vi. f. 2. *E. Marambong*, Miquel Ann. Mus. Bot. iii. 244. *Fagara triphylla*, Roxb. *Fl. Ind.* i. 416 (? of Linn.). *F. Lunur-ankenda*, Gaertn. *Carp.* i., 334, t. 68. f. 9. *Xanthoxylon triphyllum*, Wight *Ic.* t. 204; Ill. i. 169; Grah. *Cat. Bomb. Pl.* 36; Dalz. & Gibs. *Bomb. Flor.* 45. *X. Roxburghianum*, Cham. in *Linnea* v. 58. *X. zeylanicum*, DC. *Prodr.* i., 728. *X. nilagiricum*, Miquel *Herb. Hohenack*.

In all the Provinces: common. *DISTRIB.* Malayan Archipelago, British India.

A widely distributed species very common in most parts of the Malayan Peninsula, and varying a good deal in the size of the leaves and in the degree of density of the cymes. In some cases the latter are lax and open, but in the majority they are condensed. There is some doubt as to what name this plant should bear. Sir Joseph Hooker (F. B. I. l. c.) has written an excellent note on its synonymy which should be consulted. The species, except in the matter of size, differs very little from *E. triphylla*. DC.

3. *EVODIA GLABRA*, Blume *Bijdr.* 245. A tree 40 to 70 feet high: young branches stout, compressed at the nodes, glabrous. *Leaves* 3-foliolate; the petioles 2 to 4 in. long, glabrous, terete, grooved in front towards the apex: leaflets more or less coriaceous, shortly petiolulate, obovate or obovate-elliptic, shortly and abruptly acuminate, rarely obtuse, always tapering much to the base, upper surface shining, the lower glabrous or puberulous: main nerves 10 to 15 pairs, oblique or sub-horizontal, prominent on the lower surface and often depressed on the upper when dry; length 4 to 10 in., breadth 2·25 to 5 in., petiolule ·2 to ·4 in., the middle leaflet the largest and with the longest petiolule.

Cymes pedunculate, corymbose, the main branches ascending, the secondary spreading, all opposite, minutely bracteolate at the base, puberulous or almost glabrous; peduncles stout, compressed, glabrescent, 1.5 to 4 in. long. *Flowers* .1 in. long (excluding the exerted stamens) densely crowded, many of them practically unisexual, the ovary being abortive. *Sepals* sub-orbicular, obtuse, puberulous. *Petals* glabrous. *Stamens* exerted. *Ovary* depressed, glabrous, or hairy at the base of the styles. *Cocci* 2 or 3 to each flower, .2 in. long, rugulose and glandular externally, broadly ovate, obtuse. *Seeds* black. Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I, Pt. 2, 672; Ann. Mus. Lugd. Bat. III, 243; Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 489.

Perak: very common. Penang, Curtis, No. 2485. Andaman Islands, King's collectors. Nicobars, Kurz.

This is best distinguished from *E. Roxburghiana* and *E. latifolia* by its more coriaceous leaves with stronger nerves, and by its more corymbose cymes. The flowers, however, are very little different in all three, and it seems doubtful whether it would not be better to treat all as forms of a single widely distributed and variable species.

4. *EVODIA ROBUSTA*, Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I., 488. A small tree; young branches as thick as a swan's quill, compressed, hoary. *Leaves* 3-foliolate, the petiole 4 in. long, terete, as thick as a crowquill: leaflets coriaceous, elliptic, the terminal sub-obovate, obtuse or obtusely acuminate, the midrib and arching nerves very strong, glabrous except the puberulous midrib beneath, the upper surface shining; length 6 to 8 in. *Cymes* broad, (5 in. in diam.), brachiate, their branches very robust. *Flowers* and fruit as in *E. Roxburghiana*.

Penang; Phillips. Singapore; Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 278.

This species must come very near *E. glabra*, Bl. It also greatly resembles the Sumatran *E. euneuron*, Miq. (Fl. Ind. Bat. Suppl. 532).

5. *EVODIA MACROCARPA*, King, n. sp. A tree 20 to 40 feet high: young branches rather stout, cinereous-puberulous, compressed. *Leaves* 3-foliolate, the petiole 3 to 4 in. long, glabrous: leaflets coriaceous, oblong, or elliptic-oblong, acute, narrowed to the slightly unequal-sided base; both surfaces glabrous, the upper shining, the lower dull and paler when dry; main nerves 14 to 18 pairs, almost horizontal, faint; length 6 to 12 in., breadth 2. to 3 in., petiole .1 to .2 in.; the middle leaflet the largest. *Cymes* axillary, pyramidal, shortly pedunculate, olivaceous-tomentose; the branches opposite, spreading, bracteolate at the base; peduncles .5 to 1.5 in. long, puberulous. *Flowers* .1 in. long, densely crowded, many of them with perfect stamens but an abortive ovary; sepals triangular, acute, pubescent; petals puberulous. *Stamens* exerted. *Ovary* villous. *Cocci* 3 or 4 to each flower, compressed, obovate, blunt, .4 in. long, dark-coloured and

puberulous externally, lined inside with dense white hairs: seeds 2, black, shining.

Perak: Wray, No. 2648 and 3266; King's collector, No. 7489.

A very distinct species, recognisable at once by its long and comparatively large leaflets, small cymes, and large cocci.

6. *EVODIA PILULIFERA*, King n. sp. A shrub 10 to 15 feet high: young branches rather slender, flattened at the nodes, minutely tawny-tomentose, the bark pale. *Leaves* 3-foliolate, the petiole 3 to 4·25 in. long, terete, grooved in front, deciduously tawny-tomentose; leaflets thinly coriaceous, petiolulate, oblong-elliptic, tapering to each end, the apex shortly acuminate, the base very narrow; both surfaces glabrous, the lower paler when dry: main nerves 9 or 10 pairs, oblique, interarching boldly well within the edge, prominent on the lower, depressed on the upper surface when dry; length 3·5 to 8 in.; breadth 1·25 to 2·75 in.; petiolule ·15 to ·4 in., the middle leaflet rather larger than the lateral. *Cymes* everywhere tawny-tomentose, axillary, on long peduncles; the branches few, opposite, each bearing towards the apex a few dense, sub-globose masses of flowers. *Flowers* less than ·1 in. long. *Sepals* ovate, acute, densely tawny-tomentose. *Petals* glabrous. *Ovary* villous. *Cocci* slightly compressed, ovoid, blunt, minutely tawny-tomentose outside, the interior glabrous, ·2 in. long. *Seed* solitary, shining.

Perak: Scortechini, No. 360; Wray, No. 2995; King's collector, No. 6275.

This species is readily distinguished by its minutely tomentose few-branched cymes, each bearing a few densely crowded heads of small flowers.

7. *EVODIA PACHYPHYLLA*, King n. sp. A small tree 10 to 15 feet high; young branches flattened at the nodes, minutely rufous-tomentose, as are the petiole, under surfaces of the midribs and peduncles of the cymes. *Leaves* 3-foliolate, the petiole 2·5 to 3 in. long: leaflets very coriaceous, oval to elliptic, obtuse or sub-acute, the base slightly cuneate, the edges revolute when dry; upper surface glabrous, shining, the lower pale, glaucous; main nerves 8 to 12 pairs, sub-horizontal, curving slightly, interarching within the edge, slightly prominent on the lower surface when dry, the midrib very bold; length 2·25 to 3·75 in., breadth 1·2 to 2·25 in., petiolule ·35 to ·5 in. *Cymes* axillary, pedunculate, the branches few, short, close together; peduncles 1 to 1·5 in. long. *Flowers* 25 in. long, in dense sub-globose masses. *Sepals* broadly ovate, acute, olivaceous-tomentose externally, glabrous internally. *Petals* erect, ovate-lanceolate, pubescent on both surfaces, the edges glabrous. *Stamens* not exerted. *Ovary* glabrous. *Cocci* 2 or 3 from each flower, sub-compressed, ovate, blunt, pale and puberulous externally, glabrous within. *Seed* solitary, black, shining.

A very distinct species, at once distinguishable by its small coriaceous leaflets and large flowers and fruits.

8. *EVODIA PEDUNCULOSA*, Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 489. A small tree? young branches cylindric, smooth. *Leaves* 1-foliate; petiole rather stout, half-cylindric, .5 to 1 in. long. *Leaflets* coriaceous, obovate, abruptly narrowed at the obtuse apex, the base cuneate: both surfaces glabrous, minutely reticulate, main nerves numerous, slender, spreading, length 4 to 5 in. *Cymes* pedunculate, pubescent, branching near the apex into small trichotomous pubescent cymules; peduncles 1 to 4 in. long. *Flowers* (buds only seen) .1 in. long, shortly pedicelled. *Sepals* rounded. *Petals* broadly ovate, acute, glabrous. *Ovary* 4-cleft, immersed in the disc.

Singapore; Lobb.

Known only from Lobb's solitary and imperfect specimen.

2. *TETRATOMIA*, Hook. f.

Trees or shrubs. *Leaves* opposite, petioled, 1-foliate, coriaceous, quite entire, punctate. *Flowers* small, in axillary branched cymes. *Calyx* small, 4-partite. *Petals* 4, triangular-ovate, acute, persistent, valvate. *Disc* broad, glandular, flattish or pulvinate, obtusely 4-angled. *Stamens* 4 or 8, (4 perfect alternate with the petals, 4 smaller with imperfect anthers opposite the petals and partially adnate to them at the base); filaments subulate, flattened at the base; anthers 2-lobed, dorsifixed. *Ovary* immersed in the centre of the disc, 4-celled, with 4 free projecting lobes; styles 4, free at the base, connate above; stigma capitate, obscurely 4-lobed; ovules 2, collateral in each cell. *Fruit* of 4 coriaceous, laterally compressed, oblong, 2-seeded cocci, splitting ventrally, the horny endocarp partially separating. *Seeds* inserted towards the base of the carpels.—*DISTRIB.* Three species, natives of the Malayan Peninsula and Borneo.

Leaves elliptic-obovate, 6 to 9 in. long;

flowers .25 in. long: ripe cocci .5 in. long ... 1 *T. majus*.

Leaves usually cuneate-obovate, rarely elliptic-obovate, 2.5 to 5 in. long; *flowers* 1.3 in.

long; ripe cocci .25 in. long ... 2 *T. Roxburghii*.

1. *TETRATOMIA MAJUS*, Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 491. A tree: young branches stout; their bark brown, rough. *Leaves* very coriaceous, obovate, elliptic, obtuse, narrowed to the base; both surfaces glabrous, very pale when dry: main nerves 12 to 16 pairs, rather straight, oblique, interarching far from the margin, slightly prominent or both surfaces when dry; length 6 to 9 in., breadth 3 to 4 in., petiole 2 to 2.25 in., stout, terete, slightly swollen at base and apex.

Cymes glabrous or glabrescent, 4 to 6 in. in diam., the branches opposite; bracts minute, persistent. *Flowers* .25 in. in diam., glabrous. *Stamens* 4, perfect; the *filaments* longer than the petals and style, the 4 staminodes minute. *Ripe cocci* about .5 in long, keeled. *Seeds* oblong, the nucleus basal, much smaller than the oblong wing. *Tetramerista paniculata*, Kurz in Journ. Bot for 1875, p 333.

Malacca; Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 290.

A rare plant known only by Maingay's scanty specimens.

2. *TETRACIOMIA ROXBURGHII*, Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind I., 491: A tree 30 to 80 feet high; young branches rather stout, glabrous, their bark pale, rough. *Leaves* coriaceous, cuneate-obovate, sometimes obovate-elliptic, the apex always broad and rounded, and very shortly and bluntly apiculate, much narrowed to the petiole; both surfaces glabrous, rather pale when dry, the upper glabrous, the lower glabrescent with numerous and rather large black dots. *main nerves* 7 to 9 pairs, oblique, straight, not prominent: length 2.5 to 5, rarely 6 in., breadth 1.5 to 2.5, rarely 3 in.; petiole .5 to 1 in., rarely 1.25 in. *Cymes* glabrous in the lower, pubescent in the upper part, 3 or 4 in. in diam., pedunculate; bracts minute, persistent. *Flowers* .13 in. in diam., puberulous. *Stamens* 8, the alternate row imperfect, minute and attached to the petals. *Ripe cocci* 1 to 3 from a flower, about .25 in. long. *Seeds* oblong, nucleus rather shorter than the wing, Hook. fil. Icones Plantar. 1512. *Melicope tetrandra*, Roxb. Fl. Ind. II. 257.

Penang, Singapore, Perak.

A much more common plant than the last, with smaller flowers and fruit, and with leaves not only smaller but much more obovate.

3. *MELICOPSE*, Forst.

Shrubs. *Leaves* opposite (in the Indian species), 1-3-foliolate, pellucid-punctate. *Flowers* small, in axillary cymes or panicles. *Calys* 4-lobed or 4-partite. *Petals* 4, sessile, spreading, valvate or imbricate. *Disc* large, entire or 8-lobed, or obsolete. *Stamens* 8, inserted at the base of the disk, those opposite the petals shorter, filaments subulate or flattened; anthers oblong or cordate. *Ovary* 4-celled, deeply 4-lobed; style basilar, or styles 4, subterminal, more or less combined; stigma capitate, 4-lobed; ovules 2 in each, all collateral or superposed. *Fruit* of 4 free spreading coriaceous cocci, dehiscing on the inner face; endocarp more or less separating from pericarp. *Seeds* oblong, testa black, shining; embryo with large oblong cotyledons and short radicle. **DISTRIB.** chiefly Polynesian: species about 15.

1. *MELICOPSE HELPERI*, Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I., 492. A glabrous

diceous shrub: young branches rather stout, striate, sub-quadrangular. *Leaves* 1-foliolate: leaflet coriaceous, obovate-elliptic, very obtuse, narrowed to the base: main nerves about 9 pairs, spreading, inconspicuous; length 4·5 to 6 in., breadth 2 to 3 in.; petiole ·75 to 1 in. *Panicles* not much longer than the petioles, few-branched, cymose. *Flowers* ·2 in. in diam. *Calyx-lobes* acute. *Petals* longer than the calyx, lanceolate, acute, puberulous outside, ridged along the midrib on the inner surface inside. Kurz For. Flora Burmah, I, 182.

Andaman Islands; Helfer (Kew. Distrib.) No. 1192.

4. ZANTHOXYLUM, Linn.

Shrubs or trees, often armed with stout prickles. *Leaves* alternate, 3-foliolate or unequally pinnate; leaflets opposite or alternate, entire or crenate, often oblique, punctate. *Flowers* small, in axillary or terminal, peduncled, broad or narrow cymes, white, pink, or greenish, often unisexual. *Calyx* 3-8-fid, rarely 0. *Petals* 3-5, rarely 0, imbricate or induplicate-valvate. *Disc* small or obscure. *Stamens* 3-5, hypogynous or reduced to scales in the ♀. *Ovary* rudimentary in the ♂, in the ♀ of 1-5 oblique, 1-celled carpels; styles sublateral, free or connate above, stigma capitate; ovules 2 in each cell, usually collateral. *Fruit* of 1-5, globose, coriaceous or fleshy, 1-seeded cocci, dehiscing ventrally; endocarp horny, separating or not. *Seed* oblong and compressed, or globose, often hanging out of the carpel, hilum broad, testa bony or crustaceous, blue or black, shining, albumen fleshy; embryo axile, straight or curved; cotyledons flat, radicle very short.—DISTRIB. About 80 species, all either tropical or subtropical.

Unarmed or very slightly armed: leaves 3-

foliolate; cymes axillary and terminal;

fruit ·3 in. in diam. ... 1. *Z. ovalifolium*.

Armed; leaves pinnate, leaflets 4 to 9 pairs;

cymes terminal; fruit ·12 in. in diam. ... 2. *Z. myriacanthum*.

1. ZANTHOXYLUM OVALIFOLIUM, Wight Ill. I, 169. A shrub or tree: young branches at first puberulous but speedily glabrous, lenticellate, unarmed, or with a few short straight prickles. *Leaves* 3-foliolate: petiole 1·25 to 2·5 in., not armed; leaflets sub-coriaceous, elliptic-oblong, slightly obovate, the apex with an abrupt short obtuse point, the edges crenulate, the base narrowed; both surfaces shining: main nerves 10 to 14 pairs, sub-horizontal, not much more prominent than the intermediate nerves; length 2 to 5 in., breadth 1·2 to 2·5 in.; petiole ·2 to ·4 in., sometimes almost absent; the middle leaflet larger than the two lateral. *Cymes* slender, paniculate, pedunculate, axillary and terminal, shorter than the leaves, with few alternate branches,

puberulous when young, speedily glabrous. *Flowers* 4-to 5-merous, .12 to .2 in. in diam., pedicellate. *Petals* valvate. *Fruit* solitary, sub-globular, .3 in. in diam., pitted, glabrous. *Seed* sub-globose. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 492. *Z. undulatum*, Wall. Cat, 1208. *Z. lucidum*, Wall. Cat. 1212. *Toddalia mitis*, Miq. MSS. *Limonia leptostachya*, Jack MSS. Wall. Cat. (without name) 7472 and 7469.

Singapore: Wallich. Andaman Islands, King's collectors. **DISTRIB.**: British India, Sumatra.

2. *ZANTHOXYLUM MYRIACANTHUM*, Wall. Cat. 1214. A glabrous tree 40 feet high, all parts except the petioles armed with short straight prickles. *Leaves* 1 to 1.5 feet long; leaflets 4 to 9 pairs, coriaceous, oblong-lanceolate, acuminate, entire or very obscurely and minutely crenate; main nerves about 8 pairs, spreading, not prominent even when dry; length 3 to 4 in., breadth 1.25 to 1.5 in., petiolule .1 to .2 in. *Oymes* terminal, pedunculate, spreading, 6 to 8 in. in diam.; peduncle armed, 5 or 6 in. long; branches long, sub-opposite or alternate. *Flowers* .2 in. in diam., sub-sessile, 5-merous. *Calyx* with a few small bracts at the base. *Ovaries* 3. *Ripe fruit* compressed, .12 in. in diam., apiculate. *Seed* compressed. Hook fil. Fl Br. Ind I, 496. *Z. longifolium*, Wall. Cat. 7115.

Penang: Porter, Curtis No. 1076. Malacca; Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 279.

There are in Scortechini's Herbarium some scraps of a *Zanthoxylum* which appears to be *Z. glandulosum*, Teysm. and Binn.; but without better specimens I hesitate to include that species here.

5. *ACRONYCHIA*, Forst.

Trees, with opposite or alternate, 1-rarely 3-foliolate leaves; leaflets entire. *Flowers* polygamous, small or moderately sized, yellow, in pedunculate, terminal, or axillary corymbs. *Petals* 4, valvate, spreading, revolute. *Stamens* 8, inserted under a thick, 8-angled, tomentose disc; filaments subulate, the alternate longer. *Ovary* inserted in the hollowed apex of the disc, tomentose, 4-celled. *Style* terminal; stigma 4-grooved; ovules 2 in each cell, superposed. *Fruit* a 4-celled drupe, or 4-valved loculicidal capsule. *Seeds* with black testa and copious albumen; embryo straight; cotyledons flat, oblong. **DISTRIB** About 15 species: all tropical Asiatic or Australasian.

Flowers .35 to .75 in. in diam., linear in bud,

filaments villous, inflorescence cymose ... 1. *A. laurifolia*.

Flowers .15 in. in diam., globular in bud,

filaments glabrous, inflorescence racemose .. 2. *A. Porteri*.

1. *ACRONYCHIA LAURIFOLIA*, Blume Bijdr. 245. A small tree, or

shrub; young branches puberulous, speedily becoming glabrous. *Leaves* sub-opposite, 1-foliate; leaflet thinly coriaceous, oblong, elliptic or sub-obovate, obtusely acuminate or obtuse, the base much narrowed; both surfaces glabrous, shining, reticulate: main nerves little more prominent than the secondary, 14 to 18 pairs, forming a double series of loops within the edge; length 2 to 6 in., breadth 1·1 to 2·4 in., petiole ·5 to ·75 in. *Cymes* axillary, slender, long-peduncled, corymbose, the branches opposite, bracts and bracteoles minute. *Flowers* linear in bud, when open ·35 to ·75 in. in diam., pale yellow. *Sepals* small, semi-orbicular, short. *Petals* linear-oblong, obtuse, widening at the base, revolute, more or less villous on the inner surface. *Filaments* villous below. *Ovary* villous, style short, stigma capitate. *Drupe* sub-globular to ovoid, with an angular apiculus, sometimes narrowed at the base and occasionally lobed, 4-angled when dry, from ·25 to ·4 in. long, 3- or 4-celled. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 498; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I, pt. 2, 668; Kurz For. Flora Burmah, I, 184. *A pedunculata*, Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. Suppl. 532; Ann. Mus. Lugd. Bat. III, 245; Thwaites Enum. Pl. Ceyl. 409. *Cyminosma pedunculata* DC. Prod. I., 722; Thwaites Enum. Pl. Ceyl. 69; Wall. Cat. 1205. W. & A. Prod. 147; Wight Ill. I, 165, t. 65; Dalz. & Gibs. Fl. Bombay, Suppl. 17. *C. Ankenda*, Gærtner. Fruct. I, 280, t. 58. *Clausena simplicifolia*, Dalz. in Kew Journ. Bot. III, 180. *Jambolifera pedunculata*, Vahl Symb. III, 52, fig. 61. *Gela lanceolata*, Lour. Fl. Coch. I, 232. *Selas lanceolatum*, Spreng. Syst. II, 216. *Ximenia? lanceolata*, DC. Prod. I, 533. Wall Cat. *indeterm.* 9028.

In the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. *DISTRIB.* British India and Ceylon, Malayan Archipelago, Cochinchina.

A widely distributed and variable species, of which Sir Joseph Hooker (Fl. Br. Ind. I, 498) recognises six varieties. Of these, however, only two occur in the Malayan Peninsula, the only very well marked form being (6) with flowers 1 in. in diam. and subglobose, fruit nearly 7 in. in diam.; and (5) with small fruit lobed at the apex.

2. *ACRONYCHIA PORTERI*, Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 498. A tree 15 to 30 (or even 50) feet high: young branches glabrous, pale. *Leaves* opposite or alternate, 1-foliate; leaflet coriaceous, oblong, slightly obovate, usually acute or shortly acuminate, sometimes obtuse, the base much narrowed: both surfaces glabrous dull and opaque: main nerves 8 to 10 pairs, straight, oblique; slightly prominent beneath when dry; length 3 to 8 in., breadth 1·25 to 3 in., petiole ·5 to ·75 in. *Racemes* often several from one axil, sometimes as long as, but usually shorter than the leaves, slender, puberulous towards the apex, minutely bracteolate. *Flowers* ·15 in. in diam., much shorter than their pedicels, in pairs or sub-verticillate, globose in bud. *Sepals* triangular, acute.

Petals broadly ovate-oblong, pubescent inside. *Filaments* glabrous. *Ovary* glabrescent. *Style* very short; stigma large, ob-pyramidal, 4-lobed. *Drupe* ovoid, tapering to each end, 4-angled when dry, minutely pitted, 4-celled, but often only 2-seeded, .5 in. long and .3 in. diam. when dry.

Penang : Porter, Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 280, Curtis. Malacca : Griffith. Perak : Scortechini, King's collector.

6. GLYCOSMIS, Correa.

Unarmed shrubs or trees. *Leaves* 1-foliolate or imparipinnate; leaflets alternate. *Flowers* small, in axillary, rarely terminal panicles. *Calyx* 4–5-partite, segments broad, imbricate. *Petals* 4–5, imbricate. *Stamens* 8–10, free, inserted round a disc; filaments subulate, dilated below; anthers small, with often a dorsal or apical gland. *Ovary* 2–5-celled; style very short, persistent, stigma simple, ovules solitary and pendulous in each cell. *Berry* small, dry or fleshy, 1–3-seeded. *Seeds* oblong, testa membranous; cotyledons equal, radicle very short.—DISTRIB.—Species 5, Asiatic and Australian.

Ovary glabrous : fruit globular ... 1. *G. pentaphylla*.

Ovary hairy : fruit oblong, narrowed at the base ... 2. *G. sapindoides*.

Ovary rusty-pilose ... 3. *G. puberula*.

1. GLYCOSMIS PENTAPHYLLA, Corr. in Ann. Mus. VI, 384. A glabrous shrub or small tree. *Leaves* 3- to 5-foliolate, or 1-foliolate, leaflets sub-coriaceous, varying from elliptic-lanceolate, lanceolate, oblong, or obovate, or linear-lanceolate to oblong or even obovate; the apex acute, acuminate or obtuse; the edges entire or crenulate; the base narrowed; both surfaces shining; main nerves 4 to 9 pairs, oblique, curving, rather prominent beneath, and depressed above when dry; length 1.5 to 15 in., breadth .5 to 6 in., petiolule .1 to .5 in. *Panicles* cymose, puberulous to glabrous, varying much in size, usually axillary, but often terminal. *Flowers* small. *Ovary* glabrous, 5-celled, rarely 3- to 4-celled: style short, stout. *Berry* globose, white or bluish white, from the size of a pea to that of a cherry. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 499; Kurz For. Burmah, I, 186; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I, pt. 2, 522; DC. Prodr. i. 538; W. & A. Prodr. 93; Oliv. in Journ. Linn. Soc. v., Suppl. ii. 37; Wall. Cat. 6374; Thwaites Enum. 45 and 406; Dalz. & Gibs. Bomb. Fl. 29; Bedd. in Trans. Linn. Soc. xxv. 211; Flor. Sylv. Anal. Gen. xliii. t. 6, f. 6. *G. chylocarpha*, W. & A. Prodr. 93. *G. arborea*, DC. l. c.; Wall. Cat. 6373; Thwaites Enum. 45. *G. Retzii*, Roem. Synops. fasc. i. 41. *Sclerostylis pentaphylla*, Bl. Bijdr. 135. *Limonia pentaphylla*, Retz. Obs. v. 24; Roxb. Cor. Pl. t. 84; Flor. Ind. ii. 381. *L. arborea*, Roxb. Cor.

Pl. t. 85; Fl. Ind. l.c.; Bot. Mag. t. 2074. *Myzosperrnum chylotropum*, Roem. Synops. fasc. i. 40.

In all the Provinces: common. DISTRIB.—Malayan Archipelago, British India, Philippine Islands, Australia.

A very variable and most perplexing species, the Protæan forms of which were first reduced to order by Professor D. Oliver (Journ. Linn. Soc. V, Suppl. II. p. 36). Of the forms recognised by Dr. Oliver only some are found in the Malayan Peninsula and Andaman Islands. Sir Joseph Hooker (in Fl. Br. Ind.) follows Professor Oliver for the most part; and from that book I copy the following account of the varieties. The Calcutta Herbarium is overloaded with specimens of this plant, many of which it is difficult to fit in under any of Professor Oliver's varieties; and for one of these I have ventured to suggest the varietal name *macrorachis*.

VAR. 1: Leaves usually 3-, rarely 1- or 5-foliolate; leaflets 4-9 in., lanceolate or oblong, or obovate-lanceolate, quite entire or obscurely crenulate; panicles towards the tips of the branches usually elongate, many-flowered; ovary usually covered with mamillary glands, 5-celled, connate with the disc at the base.—The commonest form in the Malay Peninsula.—DISTRIB.; British India.

VAR. 2: Leaves usually 3-5-foliolate (except sub-var. 1); leaflets elliptic or elliptic-lanceolate; panicles small, few or many-flowered, flowers smaller; ovary 4-5-celled, scarcely mamillate, constricted at the base and thus free from the disc.—*G. triphylla*, Wight in Hook. Bot. Misc. iii. 298, Suppl. t. 39; Ic. t. 167; W. & A. Prodr. 93. *G. nitida*, W. & A. Prodr. l. c.—The commonest form in the Andaman Islands. DISTRIB.—Western Peninsula, Ceylon, Tenasserim.

Sub-var. 1. *longifolia*: leaves usually 1-foliolate, leaflets 3-10 in., oblong or obovate-lanceolate, often acuminate or even caudate; panicles short, 1-2 in., or if terminal 3-4 in.—Malacca, Assam, the Khasia Mts., Rangoon.

Sub-var. 2. *macrophylla*: Leaves 3-5-foliolate, with the leaflets $3\frac{1}{2}$ -6 in., or 1-foliolate with the leaflets 8 to 12 in. long, by 2.5 to 6 in. broad. *G. macrophylla*, Lindl. in Wall. Cat. 6377, Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I, pt. 2 p. 522. *Chionotria rigida*, Jack in Mal. Misc. ex. Hook. Comp. Bot. Mag. I, 155. *Ch. monogyna*, Walp. Rep. I, 382. *Sclerostylis macrophylla*, Bl. Bijdr. 135. Penang. DISTRIB.—Assam. Tavoy.

Sub-var 3. *macrorachis*, King, leaflets 1-foliolate, oblong-lanceolate, acuminate, 9 to 15 in. long and 3.5 to 5 in. broad: cymes small, pedicellate, arranged on a raceme 4 to 9 in. long. Penang: Curtis No. 89.

2. GLYCOSMIS SAPINDOIDES, Lindl. in Wall. Cat. 6376. A shrub. Leaves 5-to 7-foliolate; leaflets sub-coriaceous, oblong or lanceolate, J. II. 28

acuminate or sub-acuminate, both surfaces glabrous; main nerves 7 to 9 pairs, oblique, faint: length 3 to 8 in., breadth 1 to 3 in., petiole about .2 in. *Panicles* cymose, sub-pyramidal, axillary and terminal. *Flowers* shortly pedicelled. *Ovary* 2- to 3-celled, hairy, about as long as the thick style. *Berry* oblong, narrowed to the base, usually 1-seeded. Hook. fl. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 501. *G. cyunocarpa*, Spreng. var *sapindoides*, Kurz in Journ. Bot. for 1876, p. 34.

Penang: Wallich, Maingay, Curtis. **DISTRIB.**—Sumatra, Java, Sikkim.

I doubt very much indeed whether this would not be better treated as a variety of *G. pentaphylla*, than as a species. Except the hairiness and the smaller number of cells usually found in its ovary, and its oblong fruit, I see nothing to distinguish it.

3. *GLYCOMIS PUBERULA*, Lindl. in Wall. Cat 6375. A shrub: *leaves* usually 3-foliolate; leaflets sub-coriaceous, ovate to oblong-lanceolate, more or less bluntly acuminate; the base rounded or cuneate, lower surface pale when dry; main nerves about 8 pairs, spreading; length 2.5 to 4.5 in., breadth .75 to 1.5 in. *Panicles* short, axillary; flowers in short pedicels; disc small, adnate to the 4- to 5-celled oblong rusty-pilose ovary. *Style* very short.

Penang: Singapore, Perak: not common.

Except in its pilose ovary this differs but little from *G. pentaphylla* Corr., of which it would be perhaps well to treat it as a form.

7. *MICROMELUM*, Blume.

Unarmed trees. *Leaves* imparipinnate; leaflets alternate, oblique. *Flowers* in large terminal corymbose cymes. *Calyx* cupular, 3-5-toothed or lobed. *Petals* 5, free, thick, valvate or subimbricate. *Stamens* 10, free, inserted round a short or long disc; filaments linear-subulate, alternately shorter. *Ovary* 5- rarely 2-6-celled; style constricted at the base, deciduous, stigma obtuse or capitate; ovules 2, superposed in each cell. *Berry* small, dry, usually 1-2-seeded, septa spirally twisted. *Seeds* oblong, testa membranous; cotyledons leafy, crumpled, radicle long.—**DISTRIB.**—Species 3 or 4: tropical Asiatic and Oceanic.

A large shrub or small tree: fruit glabrous ... 1. *M. pubescens*.

A small shrub, never a tree: fruit pubescent... 2. *M. hirsutum*.

1. *MICROMELUM PUBESCENS*, Blume Bijdr. 137. A large shrub or small tree; the young parts more or less pubescent or puberulous, the older often glabrescent or even glabrous. *Leaves* 6 to 18 in. long: leaflets 9 to 15, alternate or sub-opposite, membranous, broadly lanceolate to ovate, acuminate, the edges undulate, sub-cuneate or entire; the base cuneate, often very oblique; main nerves 9 to 12

pairs, oblique, not prominent; length 1·5 to 3·5 in., breadth ·5 to 2 in. *Cymes* large, terminal, much branched, pedunculate, 4 to 8 in. in diam., many-flowered, minutely bracteolate. *Flowers* ·25 to ·5 in. in diam., on pedicels ·1 to ·2 in. long, buds oblong. *Calyx* sub-entire or 5-toothed. *Petals* linear-oblong, sub-acute. *Filaments* alternately longer. *Ovary* mostly pubescent, usually 5-celled. *Berry* ovoid or oblong, ·3 to ·4 in. long, pitted, glabrescent, 1-seeded. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 501; Kurz For. Flora Burmah I, 186: Oliv. in Journ. Linn. Soc. v. Suppl. ii. 40; Bedd. Flor. Sylv. Anal. Gen. xliii. t. 7, f. 1; Thwaites Enum. 46. *Bergera integerrima*, Roxb. Fl. Ind. ii. 376; Wall. Cat. 6371. *Aurantiacea*, Wall. Cat. 8517, 8518.

In all the Provinces. **DISTRIB.**—British India, China, the Malayan Archipelago, and Australasia.

2. *MICROMELUM HIRSUTUM*, Oliver in Journ. Linn. Soc. V. Suppl. II, 40. A shrub, all parts (but especially the inflorescence) more or less tomentose, rarely glabrescent. *Leaves* 6 to 12, rarely 15 in. long; leaflets membranous, 9 to 25, lanceolate or oblong-lanceolate, rarely ovate, shortly acuminate, the edges obscurely serrate, the base often oblique, lower surface softly tomentose; main nerves 5 to 10 pairs, rather prominent beneath: length 1·5 to 3·5 in., breadth ·8 to 1·5 in. *Cymes* terminal, very tomentose, often lax, and 6 to 8 in. in diam., but sometimes condensed and only 2 in. in diam. *Flowers* ·25 in. in diam. *Calyx* deeply 5-lobed, hirsute. *Ovary* villous. *Berry* oblong or obovoid, pubescent, pitted. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 502; Kurz For. Flora Burmah I, 187: Wall Cat. 8516.

Penang, Singapore, Perak, but not very common. **DISTRIB.**—British India, Burmah, Philippines.

This is closely allied to *M. pubescens*, but is usually a smaller shrub. The chief differences between the two lie in the greater amount of pubescence in this, and the smaller size of its flowers.

8. *MURRAYA*, Linn.

Unarmed shrubs or small trees. *Leaves* pinnate; leaflets alternate, petioled, base oblique or cuneate. *Flowers* solitary and axillary, or in terminal corymbs or axillary cymes. *Calyx* 5-fid or partite. *Petals* 5, free, imbricate. Stamens 10, inserted on an elongate disc; filaments subulate, alternately shorter: anthers shortly ovate. *Ovary* 2- to 5-celled, narrowed into the long deciduous style, stigma capitate; ovules solitary, or 2 superposed or collateral in each cell. *Berry* oblong or ovoid, 1- to 2-celled, 1- to 2-seeded. *Testa of seed* woolly or glabrous; cotyledons fleshy, plano-convex, similar. **DISTRIB.**—4 species, tropical Asiatic.

1. *MURRAYA EXOTICA*, Linn. A glabrous shrub or small tree: young branches terete, the bark pale when dry. *Leaves* 4 to 5 in. long, 3 to 8-foliolate; leaflets thinly coriaceous, shining, ovate or ovate-lanceolate, occasionally rhomboid, more or less obtusely acuminate, the apex often notched, edges entire; the base cuneate, often oblique. *Corymbs* terminal, few-flowered. *Flowers* campanulate. *Sepals* acute. *Petals* oblong-lanceolate, white. *Ovary* 2-celled, style slender, stigma capitate. *Berry* ovoid or sub-globose, shining, red when ripe, .5 in. long, 2-seeded. Hook fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 502; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I, Pt. 2 p. 522; Kurz For. Flora Burmah I, 190; Oliver in Jour. Linn. Soc. V, Suppl. II, 28; Roxb. Fl. Ind. II, 374; Blume Bijdr. 1363; Wall. Cat. 6368; Thwaites Enum. 45; Wight Ic. t. 96; Brandis For. Flora N. India, 48. *M. exotica* and *brevifolia*, Thwaites Enum. 45. *M. paniculata*, Jack in Mal. Misc. I, 31 ex Hook. Bot. Misc. II, 79; DC. Prodr. I, 537; W. & A. Prodr. 94; Dalz. and Gibs. Bomb. Flor. 29. *M. sumatrana*, Roxb. Fl. Ind. II, 375; Wall. Cat. 6369; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I. c. 523. *Chalcas paniculata*, Linn. *Ch. sumatrana*, Room. Synops. fasc. I, 49. *M. Gleniei*, Thwaites Enum. 406; Oliv. in Journ. Linn. Soc. v. Suppl. II, 29.

Andaman Islands. Malayan Peninsula, Griff. (Kew Distrib.) No. 520. **DISTRIB.**—British India, China, Australia. Much cultivated in gardens on account of the fragrance of its flowers.

9. *CLAUSENA*, Burm.

Unarmed shrubs or trees. *Leaves* imparipinnate, usually deciduous, leaflets membranous. *Flowers* small, in terminal or axillary cymes panicles or lax racemes. *Calyx* 4-5-lobed or-partite. *Petals* 4-5, free, membranous, margins imbricate. *Stamens* 8-10, inserted round an elongated disc, the alternate shorter; filaments usually dilated or arched and concave below the subulate tip; anthers short. *Ovary* stipitate, 4-5- (rarely 2-3-) -celled; style usually distinct, deciduous; stigma obtuse, entire or 2-5-lobed; ovules 2, collateral, or superposed in each cell. *Berry* small, ovoid, oblong or globose, 2-5-celled. *Seeds* oblong, testa membranous; cotyledons equal, plano-convex. **DISTRIB.** Species about 14; chiefly tropical Asiatic, with a few African and Australian.

1. *CLAUSENA EXCAVATA*, Burm. Fl. Ind. 87. A shrub or small tree: young branches pubescent or tomentose, as are the young leaves and the inflorescence. *Leaves* 6 to 12 in. long; leaflets 15 to 29, membranous, lanceolate to oblong-lanceolate, acuminate, obscurely crenate; the base narrowed, very oblique; the upper surface when adult glabrescent or glabrous; length 1.5 to 3.4 in., breadth .5 to 1 in.; petiole .1 in.. *Panicle* terminal, pyramidal, its length 4 to 12 in., of which the peduncle forms a third; branches spreading, alternate. *Flowers* .25

in. in diam., with globose buds, 4-merous; pedicels longer than the flowers. *Calyx* much shorter than the oblong glabrous petals. *Ovary* ovoid, slightly 4-angled, hairy, stipitate; style stout, about as long as the ovary. *Fruit* broadly ovoid, blunt at each end, 1- to 2-seeded. Hook. fl. Fl. Br. Ind. I., 504: Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I, pt. 2, p. 524: Kurz For. Flora Burmah I, 188; Blume Bijdr. 139; DC. Prodr. I. 538; Oliv. in Journ. Linn. Soc. v. Suppl. ii. 31. *Murraya Burmanni*, Spreng. Syst. Veg. ii. 315. *Amyris sumatrana* and *punctata*, Roxb. Fl. Ind. ii. 250, 251. *Cookia graveolens*, W. & A. Prodr. 95; Wall. Cat. 8515. *Gallesioa graveolens*, Roem. Synops. fasc. i. 45.

In all the provinces except the Andaman and Nicobar islands. DISTRIB.—British India, Malayan Archipelago, near the bases of hill ranges.

10. TRIPHASIA, Lour.

A spiny shrub. *Leaves* alternate, sessile, 3-foliate; leaflets obtuse, crenate, the lateral smaller. *Flowers* solitary or in 3-flowered cymes, axillary. *Calyx* 3-lobed. *Petals* 3, free, imbricate. *Stamens* 6, inserted round a fleshy disc; filaments free, subequal, dilated at the base, anthers linear. *Ovary* ovoid, 3-celled, narrowed into a slender deciduous style; stigma obtuse or capitate and 3-lobed; ovules solitary in each cell. *Berry* small, ovoid, 1-3-celled, 1-3 seeded. *Seeds* oblong, immersed in mucilage, testa coriaceous; cotyledons plano-convex, often unequal or lobed.

1. TRIPHASIA TRIFOLIATA, DC. Prodr. I, 536. A small glabrous spiny shrub. *Leaflets* coriaceous with obscure nerves, crenulate, dissimilar; the terminal one shortly petiolate, ovate, obtuse, retuse, the base cuneate; the lateral smaller, oblique. *Flowers* about .5 in. long, white. *Petals* linear-oblong. *Fruit* ovoid, apiculate, glandular-dotted. Hook. fl. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 507; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I. pt. 2. p. 519; Kurz For. Flora Burmah, I, 191; Blume Bijdr. 132; Oliv. Journ. Linn. Soc. v. Suppl. ii. 26; W. & A. Prodr. 91; Dalz. & Gibs. Bomb. Fl., Suppl. 12. *T. aurantiola*, Lour. Fl. Fl. Coch. I, 189; Wall. Cat. 6381. *Limonia trifoliata*, Linn.; Burm. Fl. Ind. t. 35, f. 1.; Bl. Bijdr. 132. *L. diacantha*, DC. Prodr. i. 536.

Nicobar Islands: Kurz. DISTRIB. British India and various tropical countries, but often doubtfully wild. It is possible this may not really be indigenous in the Nicobars, as these islands have for ages been frequented by Malayan pirates, who may have inadvertently introduced it.

11. LUVUNGA, Hamilt.

Glabrous, climbing shrubs, usually armed with axillary (often hooked) spines. *Leaves* 3-foliate; leaflets coriaceous, quite entire.

Flowers in axillary fascicled or paniced racemes. *Calyx* cupular, entire or obscurely 4-6-lobed. *Petals* 4-5, free, linear-oblong, thick, imbricate. *Stamens* 8 or 10, inserted around a cupular annular or elevated disc; filaments equal or not, linear-subulate, free or cuneate; anthers linear or linear-oblong. *Ovary* 2-4-celled; style stout, deciduous, stigma capitate; ovules 2, superposed in each cell. *Berry* large, ellipsoid, with a thick rind, 2-3-seeded. *Seeds* large, ovoid; testa membranous, nerved; cotyledons equal, oblong, fleshy,—DISTRIB. About 4 species: tropical Asiatic.

Leaflets oblong-lanceolate to oblong-oblan-
ceolate; filaments glabrous, united into
a tube ... 1 *L. scandens*.

Leaflets elliptic, more or less obovate;
filaments free, often woolly ... 2 *L. eleutheranthera*.

1. LUVUNGA SCANDENS, Ham. in Wall. Cat. 6382. A large woody climber. *Leaflets* oblong-lanceolate to oblong-oblan-
ceolate, acute or blunt, the base narrowed, nerves very obscure; length 4 to 12 in., breadth 1 to 2 in., petiolules about .2 in.; petioles terete, stout, 2 to 5 in. long. *Cymes* many-flowered, short, broad, (1.5 to 2 in. across), on short peduncles. *Flowers* .5 to .75 in. long, white. *Calyx-lobes* short, obtuse. *Petals* 4, fleshy, recurved. *Stamens* with glabrous filaments united into a tube (sometimes for three-quarters of their length). *Ovary* 3- to 4-celled. *Berry* of the size of a large olive, yellowish, obscurely 3-lobed, the pericarp smooth. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 509; Kurz For. Flora Burmah I, 191; Wight Ill. i. 108; Oliv. in Journ. Linn. Soc. v. Suppl. ii. 43; Bot. Mag. t. 4522. Pierre For. Flora Coch. Chine, t. 288. *Limonia scandens*, Roxb. Fl. Ind. ii. 389.

Malacca: Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 285. DISTRIB. British India.

2. LUVUNGA ELEUTHERANTHERA, Dalz. in Hook. Kew Journ. Bot. II. 258. A woody climber like the last, the spines usually hooked; leaflets elliptic and usually more or less obovate, shortly and abruptly acuminate; main nerves 8 to 12 pairs, slightly prominent. *Cymes* axillary, many- or few-flowered. *Filaments* free, often woolly in the upper part. *Fruit* as in the last. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I. 511; Oliv. in Journ. Linn. Soc. v. Suppl. ii. 44; Dalz. & Gibs. Bomb. Flor. 30. *L. tavoyana*, Lindl. in Wall. Cat. 6383. *L. scandens* and *eleutheranthera*, Thwaites, Enum. 47, 48, 406. *Triphasia sarmentosa*, Blume Bijd. 132; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I. pt. 2, p. 520.

Perak: common. Pahang. Penang.—DISTRIB. Malayan Archipelago, W. Peninsula of British India, Ceylon.

This plant differs from *L. scandens* (to which it is closely allied) in having more obovate leaves, with much more distinct nervation, and

free filaments which are often woolly. It appears to be pretty widely distributed in Java, and is I think without doubt Blume's *Triphasia sarmentosa*.

12. PARAMIGNYA, Wight.

Erect or climbing shrubs, unarmed, or with axillary spines. *Leaves* 1-foliolate, the joint often obscure, quite entire, subcoriaceous, persistent. *Flowers* rather large, axillary, solitary or fascicled. *Calyx* cupular or small, and 4-5-lobed. *Petals* 4-5, free, imbricate or rarely induplicate-valvate. *Stamens* 8-10, inserted round a columnar disc; filaments free, linear, equal or subequal, anther linear-oblong. *Ovary* 3-5-celled; style elongate, deciduous; ovules in each cell solitary, or 2 obliquely superposed. *Berry* ovoid or subglobose, often contracted at the base, 1-5-seeded, rind thick. *Seeds* large, oblong, much compressed, testa membranous; cotyledons fleshy, equal.—*DISTRIB.*—Species 6; tropical Indian.

Spines short, solitary, axillary, curved, pubes-

cent; flowers 7 in. long, on slender pedicels { 1 *P. armata*. VAR.
longer than themselves ... { *andamanica*.

Spines long, in pairs, stipular, straight, glabrous;

flowers 35 in. long, on short pedicels ... 2 *P. longispina*.

1. PARAMIGNYA ARMATA, Oliver in Journ. Linn. Soc. V. Suppl. II, 43, VAR. ANDAMANICA, King. A scandent shrub; young branches slender, puberulous, speedily becoming glabrous. *Leaflets* elliptic or elliptic-oblong, sub-acute or acute, the base rounded; glabrous except (when young) the upper surface of the midrib near the base; the reticulations and the 10 to 12 pairs of spreading main nerves slightly prominent on the lower surface when dry, the glandular dots also rather prominent; length 4 to 5.5 in., breadth 1.5 to 2.75 in.; petiole .5 in., pubescent when young especially on the upper surface. *Spines* short, solitary in the axils below the pedicels, slightly curved, pubescent. *Flowers* axillary, in pairs, on slender sparsely pubescent pedicels longer than themselves; pedicels 1.25 to 1.5 in. long, bracteolate at the base. *Calyx* short, deeply divided into 5 broadly obtuse, spreading lobes. *Petals* about five times as long as the calyx, linear-oblong, obtuse, glabrous, .6 in. long. *Stamens* 10, free, almost as long as the petals: the filaments rather thick and woolly below, slender and glabrous towards the apex; anthers narrowly oblong. *Disc* short, cylindric; not broader than the ovary. *Ovary* ovoid; style elongate, crowned by the discoid stigma, all glabrous. *Fruit* globular or turbinate, smooth, .5 to .65 in. in diam.

Andaman Islands: common.

This differs from the typical *P. armata*, Oliver, as it occurs in

Western Peninsular India and in Ceylon, mainly in the size of its leaves, and in its flowers being less numerous in their axils. In its flowers it agrees well with the typical form. It also resembles *P. monophylla*, W. and A.; but the filaments of the stamens of that species are glabrous or nearly so, and taper suddenly to a short point, while the filaments of this are thick and woolly in the lower three-fourths, the upper fourth being filiform and glabrous. The ovary of this is glabrous, of that pubescent; moreover the flowers of this are on long filiform pedicels which arise by pairs from the axils; while in *P. monophylla* the pedicels are short, and are united above the point of origin from the axil. The calyx of *P. monophylla* is besides longer, but much less deeply lobed; it is also pubescent or tomentose, while the calyx of this is glabrous. The disc in this plant is nothing more than a short gynophore.

2. *PARAMIGNYA LONGISPINA*, Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 511. A small rigid glabrous tree; branches rather stout, armed with stout straight spines .75 to 1.5 in. long, and rising from each side of the insertion of the petioles. *Leaves* obovate-oblong to elliptic, acute or obtuse, the base rounded, nerves indistinct, length 2.5 to 4.5 in., breadth 1.1 to 1.75 in., petiole .2 in. *Flowers* .35 in. in diam., axillary, solitary or 2 or 3 together, pedicels short. *Calyx* 5-toothed. *Petals* oblong, obtuse. *Stamens* 10, equal, glabrous; anthers narrow, as long as the filaments, apiculate. *Ovary* glabrous, standing on the disc (gynophore): style stout, cylindric; ovules in pairs. *Fruit* ovoid, much apiculate, 1.25 to 1.75 in. long, glabrous, 3 or 4-celled; the pericarp coriaceous. *Seeds* compressed, beaked. *Atalantia longispina*, Kurz Journ. As. Soc. Bengal, for 1872, pt. 2, p. 295. *Paramignya angulata*, Kurz For. Flora Burmah, I, 194. *Gonocitrus angulatus*, Kurz in Herb. Calc. *Citrus angulata*, Willd. ? *Limonia angulata*, W. & A. Prodr. 91; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I, pt. 2, p. 521. Malacca: Maingay (Kew Distrib.) l. c. 286. Perak: Scortechini

DISTRIB.—Burmah.

13. *ATALANTIA*, Correa.

Unarmed or spinous shrubs or trees. *Leaves* alternate, 1-foliolate, coriaceous, persistent, quite entire or crenulate; stipule-like scales often present at the base of the petioles and spines, which belong to undeveloped leaf-buds. *Flowers* axillary, rarely terminal, fascicled or or in short racemed corymbs, or panicles, rarely solitary. *Calyx* 3-5-lobed or, partite-rarely irregularly split. *Petals* 3-5, free or adnate to the stamens and united with them into a tube, imbricate. *Stamens* 6-8, rarely 15-20, inserted round an annular or cupular disc, filaments free or irregularly connate, subequal or the alternate shorter; anthers

short, ovate-oblong, or base cordate. *Ovary* 2- or 4-, rarely 3- or 5- celled : style deciduous, stigma capitate ; ovules solitary or 2 collateral in each cell. *Berry* large, sub-globose, 1-5-celled, 1-5-seeded, rind thick. *Seeds* oblong ; cotyledons fleshy, plano-convex.—*DISTRIB.*—Species about 10, chiefly tropical Asiatic.

Armed ; leaves 1·25 to 2·5 in. long ... 1. *A. monophylla*.

Unarmed ; leaves 4 to 6 in. long ... 2. *A. Roxburghiana*.

1. *ATALANTIA MONOPHYLLA*, Correa Ann. du Mus. VI, 383. A large shrub or small tree : the young branches sometimes pubescent at the very tip, usually more or less armed with short, solitary, straight, axillary spines. *Leaves* lanceolate, oblong-ovate, ovate or elliptic ; the apex obtuse, often notched, the edges entire, the base slightly cuneate ; both surfaces glabrous, the nerves and reticulations rather distinct when dry ; length 1·25 to 2·5 in., breadth ·6 to 1·2 in. ; petiole ·2 to ·3 in. puberulous. *Flowers* ·35 to ·5 in. in diam., in lax axillary racemes or cymes, the pedicels puberulous, slender, longer than the flowers ; buds sub-globose or obovate. *Calyx* irregularly lobed, glabrous, the edges scarious. *Petals* oblong, obtuse, ·3 to ·4 in. long. *Stamens* 8, or fewer ; the filaments broad and united into a tube, their apices free and filiform, the anthers ovate. *Ovary* sessile, on a small annular disc. *Berries* ovoid at first, globose when ripe, ·6 to ·8 in. in diam. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 511 ; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I, Pt. 2, p. 519 ; Kurz For. Flora Burmah I, 195 ; DC. Prod. I, 535 ; W. and A. Prodr. 91 ; Wight Ill. I, 108 ; Wall. Cat. 6353 ; Oliv. in Journ. Linn. Soc. v. Suppl. II, 24 ; Dalz. and Gibs. Bomb. Flor. 28. *A. floribunda*, Wight, Ic. t. 1611. *A. platistigma*, Wight Ill. I, 108. *Limonia monophylla*, Linn. ; Roxb Cor. Pl. 1, t. 82 ; Fl. Ind. II, 378. *Turraea virens*, Hollen. in Act. Holm. 1788, t. 10, f. 1, (not of Linn.). *Trichilia spinosa*, Willd. ; DC. Prodr. I, 623. Rheed. Hort. Mal. IV, t. 12 ; Burm. Fl. Zeyl. t. 65, f. I.

Penang, Kedah, Andaman and Nicobar Islands. *DISTRIB.*—British India, in Sylhet, and in the Peninsula, Ceylon.

The plant named *A. macrophylla* by Kurz (For. Fl. Burmah I, 195), of which there are excellent specimens in the Calcutta Herbarium, seems to be only a luxuriant form of this. I can find no characters in which it differs, except size.

2. *ATALANTIA ROXBURGHIANA*, Hook. fil. (not of Oliver), Fl. Br. Ind. I, 513. A glabrous shrub or small tree : young branches slender, spineless. *Leaves* thinly coriaceous, elliptic or elliptic-oblong, tapering to each end, the apex sub-acute or shortly acuminate ; the base cuneate, rarely rounded ; main nerves 10 to 14 pairs, spreading, slightly prominent underneath when dry ; length 4 to 6 in., breadth 1·75 to 2·25 in., petiole ·3 in. *Racemes* short, few-flowered, axillary. *Flowers* nearly ·5

in. in diam., buds globose. *Oalyx* with 4 obtuse lobes. *Petals* 4, obovate. *Stamens* 8; the anthers oblong-ovoid; filaments free, short, subulate. *Ovary* ovoid, sessile, 2-celled. *Berry* globose when ripe, glabrous, '6 to '8 in. in diam. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 513. *Sclerostylis Roxburghii*, Wight, Ic. t. 72. *Amyris simplicifolia*, Roxb. Fl. Ind. II, 244.

Perak: common. Penang, Malacca; Griffith (Kew Distrib.) No. 537.

There are in the Calcutta Herbarium a large number of fruiting specimens of this from Perak; but not a single one in flower. These specimens agree so entirely with Roxburgh's figure of *Amyris simplicifolia* in the Calcutta Herbarium (of which Wight's Ic. 72 is a copy) and with Griffith's Malacca specimen (No. 537), that I have no hesitation in referring them to the same species. The description of the flowers given above is copied from Sir Joseph Hooker's Fl. Br. Ind. I, 513.

ORDER XXIV. SIMARUBEÆ.

Trees or shrubs, usually with bitter bark. *Leaves* alternate, often large, pinnate or rarely simple; stipules 0 or deciduous. *Inflorescence* axillary, racemose, paniculate or cymose, rarely spicate. *Flowers* usually diclinous, regular, and generally small. *Oalyx* 3-5-lobed, valvate or imbricate. *Petals* 3-5, very rarely 0, hypogynous, valvate or imbricate. *Disc* annular or elongate, simple or lobed, rarely 0. *Stamens* as many or twice as many as the petals, rarely indefinite, inserted at the base of the disc; filaments free, often with a scale at the base; anthers oblong, usually introrse, 2-celled, dehiscing longitudinally. *Ovary* free, 1-6-celled, usually deeply lobed, less often entire; styles 2-5, free, or more or less united, stigmas capitate; ovules usually solitary in each cell, rarely more numerous, raphé ventral, micropyle superior. *Fruit* drupaceous, capsular, or occasionally samaroid, usually of 2-6 distinct carpels. *Seeds* usually solitary, erect or pendulous, albuminous; embryo straight or curved, radicle superior.—DISTRIB. Tropical and subtropical regions of both hemispheres; genera 30; species about 130.

Ovary deeply 4- or 5-lobed; fruit separating into cocci; leaves pinnate.

Stamens 8 to 10, filaments with dilated ciliate bases 1. *Harrisonia*.

Stamens 4.

Disc entire: flowers in branching panicles; leaves glabrous ... 2. *Picrasma*.

Disc 4-lobed; flowers in small cymes, collected in long narrow panicles; leaves pubescent ... 3. *Brucea*.

Stamens 5; disc 5-lobed; flowers in long
much-branched panicles; leaves glab-
rous 4. *Eurycoma*.
Ovary not lobed; fruit not separating into
cocci; leaves simple ... 5. *Irvingia*.

1. HARRISONIA, Brown.

Glabrous spiny shrubs. *Leaves* unequally pinnate or 1-foliolate. *Flowers* hermaphrodite, in bracteate cymes. *Calyx* small, 4-5-fid. *Petals* 4-5, longer than calyx. *Disc* hemispherical. *Stamens* 8-10, dilated at the base. *Ovary* globose or 4-5-lobed, 4-5-celled; styles connate or distinct at the base; ovules solitary, pendulous. *Fruit* a small globose berry. *Seed* solitary, sparingly albuminous.—*DISTRIB.* Tropics of Old World and of Australia. Species 3-4.

1. *HARRISONIA BROWNII*, A. JUSS. in Mem. Mus. Par. XII, 517, 540, t. 28. A shrub; young branches slender, glabrous, lenticellate, often armed with sharp conical prickles usually in pairs. *Leaflets* 3, ovate to rhomboid, acuminate, coarsely serrate; the terminal one the largest, petiolulate, and much narrowed at the base; the two lateral sessile and slightly narrowed; length from .6 to 1 in. *Flowers* 1 to 3, when expanded .3 in. long, tetramerous, from small axillary tubercles on slender pedicels from .5 to .75 in. long, buds globose. *Petals* lanceolate, reflexed. *Stamens* 8, erect, as long as the petals; filaments with dilated concave hairy bases, anthers ovate. *Ovary* deeply 4-lobed, 4-celled, glabrous. *Fruit* pisiform, depressed, 3-2- or even 1-celled by abortion, each cell one-seeded; pericarp coriaceous, glabrous. Planch. in Hook. Lond. Journ. Bot. V. 569; Benth. Fl. Austral. I, 376.

S. Andaman: Kurz, King's collectors. *DISTRIB.*—Timor, N. Australia. Philippines.

2. PICRASMA, Blume.

Trees or shrubs with bitter properties. *Leaves* unequally pinnate. *Flowers* small, declinous or polygamous, in axillary panicles. *Calyx* very small, 4-5 toothed. *Petals* 4-5, valvate, very often increasing after flowering. *Disc* thick, entire. *Stamens* 4-5, not scaly, hairy. *Ovary* 3-5-partite, free; style distinct at the base and apex, but united in the middle, stigmas simple; ovules erect, solitary. *Fruit* of 1-3 fleshy or coriaceous drupes. *Seed* erect, albuminous.—*DISTRIB.* India, Malay Archipelago, China, Japan, West Indies, Brazil. Species about 4.

1. *PICRASMA JAVANICA*, Blume, Bijdr. 248. A tree 30 to 60 feet high; young branches glabrous, dark-coloured, rather slender. *Leaflets* 3 to 7, membranous, elliptic-oblong, elliptic-lanceolate or elliptic, more or less

acuminate or caudate-acuminate, the edges entire or (especially in old leaves) thickened and minutely undulate, the base narrowed or rounded; both surfaces glabrous; main nerves 4 to 6 pairs, ascending, curved, rather prominent and pale beneath in adult leaves. *Panicles* axillary, on long peduncles, branching. *Flowers* numerous, crowded at the extremities of the branchlets, 4-merous, .15 to .25 in. in diam. *Sepals* broadly ovate, spreading, pubescent, minute. *Petals* much larger than the sepals, ovate, concave, nerved, puberulous. *Stamens* 4; the filaments pubescent in the male, villous in the female flower. *Ovary* deeply 4-lobed, puberulous; the disc entire, woolly. *Style* single; stigmas 4, reflexed. *Fruit* of 1 to 3 sub-globular coriaceous drupes seated on the enlarged disc, and surrounded by the enlarged coriaceous curved petals. Benn. *Plantae Javan. Rarior.* 197. t. 41; Planch. in Hook. *Lond. Journ. Bot.* V, 573; Hook. *fil. Fl. Br. Ind.* I, 520; Kurz for *Flor. Burma*, I, 201. *P. nepalensis*, Benn. in Wall. *Cat. sub No.* 8506. (*Lith. Cat.* p. 287); *Pl. Jav. Rar.* 201; Planch. in Hook. *Journ. Bot.* V, 573. *P. andamanica*, Kurz *Andam. Rep. App.* IV; Hook. *fil. Fl. Br. Ind.* I, 520; Brucea? Wall. *Cat.* 7499. *B. dubia*, Steud. *Nomencl.* Wall. *Cat. indeterminata*, No. 9037.

Malacca, Perak, Andamans. *DISTRIB.*—Malayan Archipelago, sub-Himalayan tracts, Assam, Khasia Hills and Burmah, in British India.

I can find nothing to distinguish *P. nepalensis* Benn. and *P. andamanica*, Kurz from *P. javanica*, Blume. In fact Kurz himself reduced his species *P. andamanica* to *P. javanica*; and in his latest book (*The Flora of British Burmah*), he does not give the name *P. andamanica*, which was in fact originally published in a hastily prepared official report. And, as for *P. nepalensis*, Benn.—its author declares in his original description of it, that it differs from *P. javanica*, Bl., only by having sometimes as many as seven leaflets, and in their being more acuminate than is usual in specimens from Java.

3. BRUCEA, Mill.

Bitter trees or shrubs. *Leaves* large, unequally pinnate. *Flowers* in minute, numerous, very small cymes, collected into long narrow axillary panicles. *Calyx* minute, 4-partite, imbricate. *Petals* 4, minute, linear, imbricate. *Disc* 4-lobed. *Stamens* 4, inserted beneath the disc, filaments naked. *Ovary* 4-lobed, or consisting of 4 entirely free carpels. *Drupe*s 4, entirely free, ovoid, somewhat fleshy. *Seed* solitary, exalbuminous.—*DISTRIB.* Tropics of Old World and of Australia. Species 6.

1. *BRUCEA SUMATRANA*, Roxb. *Fl. Ind.* I, 449. A shrub 4 to 6 feet high; young branches rather stout, tawny-pubescent. *Leaflets* about

9, membranous, lanceolate, acuminate, very coarsely dentate-serrate; the base oblique, acute, or obtuse; both surfaces, but especially the lower, softly yellowish-pubescent, 1·5 to 3·5 in. long (the whole leaf from 10 to 14 in. long), petiolule ·15 to ·25 in. long. *Panicles* often as long as the leaves, very narrow. *Flowers* minute, purple, in short distant cymes; the sepals smaller than the petals, both pubescent. *Stamens* about as long as the petals, the filaments short. *Drupe*s black when ripe, oval, glabrous, ·15 to ·2 in. long. DC. Prodr. II, 88; Wall. Cat. 8482; Blume Bijdr., 1167; Planch. in Hook. Lond. Journ. Bot. v., 575; Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 523; Kurz For. Flora, Burma, I, 202.

In all the provinces except the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.—
DISTRIB. Malayan Archipelago, British India.

4. EURYCOMA, Jack.

Shrubs or small trees, with bitter bark. *Leaves* very large, unequally pinnate, with entire glabrous leaflets. *Flowers* polygamous, in much-branched sub-terminal glandular-hairy panicles. *Calyx* minute, 5-toothed, valvate. *Petals* 5, induplicate-valvate. *Disc* consisting of 5 glands alternating with the stamens. *Stamens* in male and hermaphrodite flowers 5, smaller in the latter; filaments attached to the base of the petals. *Ovary* 5-partite, free; styles 5, connate, stigmas distinct. *Drupe*s 3-5, stipitate. *Seed* solitary, pendulous, exalbuminous.—DISTRIB. Malaya, Philippines. Species 2.

Branches 1 in. thick, rusty-pubescent; petals

·25 in. long, thick, pubescent on both surfaces 1. *E. longifolia*.

Branches ·25 in. thick, glabrous, pale; petals

·35 in. long, thin, glabrous inside ... 2. *E. apiculata*.

1. EURYCOMA LONGIFOLIA, Jack Roxb. Fl. Ind. ed. Carey, II, 307.

A shrub or small tree; young branches about 1 in. in diam., densely rusty-tomentose, with large cicatrices. *Leaves* 18 to 24 in. long; the leaflets numerous, coriaceous, oblong-lanceolate, acute, entire; the base oblique, cuneate; both surfaces glabrous, the upper shining; length 3 to 4 in., breadth ·75 to 1 in. *Panicles* usually shorter than the leaves, much-branched, many-flowered, clothed (especially in the younger parts) with rufous glandular hairs. *Calyx* much shorter than the corolla, the segments ovate, spreading. *Petals* thick, erect, ovate-lanceolate, purple, pubescent, slightly glandular in the upper half outside, ·25 in. long. *Stamens* longer than the calyx, alternating with 5 rather large bilobed ciliate glands which are large in the male and small in the hermaphrodite. *Fruit* of 1 to 5, stipitate, narrowly ovoid, apiculate, ridged drupes, ·5 in. long and ·25 in. diam.; the pericarp coriaceous, purple, glabrous. DC. Prodr. ii. 86; Wall. Cat. 8522; Planch. in Hook. Lond. Journ.

Bot. v. 584. *E. merguensis*, Planch. l. c.; *E. tavoyana*, Wall. Cat., 8523; Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 521; Kurz For Flora Burmah. I, 202.

In all the provinces except the Andaman and Nicobar islands. **DISTRIB.**—Malayan Archipelago, Philippines, Burmah.

2. *EURYCOMA APICULATA*, A. W. Bennett in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 522. A shrub or small tree; young branches about .25 in. thick, nearly glabrous, rather pale. *Leaves* 12 to 15 in. long; the leaflets numerous, sub-coriaceous, oblong-lanceolate, shortly and rather abruptly acuminate; the base acute, very slightly oblique; both surfaces glabrous, dull; length 2.5 to 5.5 in., breadth 1 to 1.7 in. *Panicles* shorter than the leaves; the lateral branches short, slender, few-flowered, clothed, especially towards the extremities, with short, black glandular hairs. *Calyx* much shorter than the corolla, the segments sub-erect, ovate, acute. *Petals* thin, erect, linear, glabrous inside, glandular outside, .35 in. long. *Stamens* about as long as the sepals, alternating with very minute entire glands. *Fruit* as in *E. longifolia*.

Penang: Perak, not so common as the last.

This species comes very near *E. longifolia*, Jack., the chief distinction being in the flowers. The branches are also very much thinner than those of *E. longifolia*, and they are glabrous; the panicles have shorter and fewer-flowered branches.

5. IRVINGIA, Hook. f.

Glabrous insipid trees. *Leaves* simple, coriaceous, entire, with deciduous stipules. *Flowers* hermaphrodite, in axillary panicles, ebracteate. *Calyx* small, 4-5-partite, imbricate. *Petals* 4-5, imbricate. *Disc* very large, cushion-shaped. *Stamens* 10, inserted beneath the disc, filaments long, slender. *Ovary* conical, compressed, 2-celled, entire; style simple, terminal; ovules solitary. *Fruit* drupaceous, large, with 1 pendulous exalbuminous seed. Four species—3 Tropical African, and 1 Malayan.

1. *IRVINGIA MALAYANA*, Oliver ex Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 522. Young branches glabrous, striate. *Leaves* coriaceous, glabrous, elliptic, acute, entire, the base rounded; main nerves 14 to 16 pairs, spreading, curved, inconspicuous: length 3.5 to 5.5 in., breadth 1.75 to 2.4 in., petiole .6 to .7 in. *Panicles* axillary, little-branched, shorter than the leaves. *Flowers* small, hermaphrodite. *Calyx-lobes* ovate, obtuse. *Petals* twice as long as the calyx and equal to the stamens, reflexed after flowering. *Disc* large, bearing the conical ovary in the middle of it. *Fruit* a glabrous compressed drupe, 2 in. long and nearly 1.5 in. in diam.

Malacca; Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 468.

ORDER XXV. OCHNACEÆ.

Glabrous trees or shrubs. *Leaves* alternate, simple, (very rarely pinnate) coriaceous; stipules 2. *Inflorescence* paniced or occasionally umbellate (rarely flowers solitary), bracteate. *Flowers* hermaphrodite, conspicuous. *Sepals* 4-5, free, imbricate, persistent. *Petals* 5, rarely 4 or 10, free, hypogynous, imbricate, longer than the sepals, deciduous. *Disc* enlarged after flowering, occasionally 0. *Stamens* 4, 5, 8, 10, or indefinite, inserted on the disc, filaments persistent; anthers basifixed, sometimes deciduous, dehiscing longitudinally, or often opening by terminal pores. *Ovary* short, 2-celled, or elongate and 1-10-celled; placenta axile or parietal; style simple, subulate, acute, rarely divided at the extremity, stigmas simple, terminal; ovules 1-2 in each cell, or indefinite, ascending or rarely pendulous, raphe ventral, micropyle superior. *Fruit* indehiscent, drupaceous or baccate, compound; each drupe or pyrene 1-4 seeded; or capsular and 1-5-celled with septicidal dehiscence. *Seeds* solitary, few or numerous; albumen fleshy or 0; embryo straight or rarely curved, radicle superior or inferior.—DISTRIB. Tropical regions of both hemispheres, but chiefly American. Species about 160.

TRIBE 1. OCHNEÆ. *Ovary* 2-10-celled; ovules solitary in each cell. *Seeds* exalbuminous.

Stamens ∞ ; flowers paniculate ...	... 1. <i>Ochna</i> .
Stamens 10; flowers paniculate or umbellate	2. <i>Gomphia</i> .
Sepals, petals, and stamens 4 ...	... 3. <i>Tetramerista</i> .

TRIBE 2. EUTHEMIDÆ. *Ovary* imperfectly 5-celled; ovules 2 in each cell. *Seeds* albuminous.

Stamens 5; with alternate staminodes	... 4. <i>Euthemis</i> .
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1. OCHNA, Linn.

Glabrous trees or shrubs. *Leaves* alternate, simple, serrate, rarely entire, 2-stipulate. *Flowers* large, yellow, in bracteate panicles or umbels. *Sepals* 5, coloured, persistent. *Petals* 5-10, deciduous. *Disc* thick, lobed. *Stamens* ∞ , shorter than the petals, filaments short or elongated; anthers opening longitudinally, deciduous. *Ovary* deeply 3-10-lobed, lobes 1-celled; styles entirely connate or distinct at the apex; ovules solitary in each cell, axile. *Fruit* 3-10 drupes, seated on the broad disc. *Seed* erect, albuminous.—DISTRIB. Tropical Asia and Africa. Species about 28.

1. OCHNA WALLICHII, Planch. in Hook. Lond. Journ. Bot. V, 650. A small tree, with elliptic or elliptic-oblong, sub-crenate, sub-serrate or entire, acute leaves, with cuneate or sub-rounded bases; the main nerves sub-horizontal, faint; length 3 to 5.5 in.; breadth 1.5 to 2.5 in.;

petiole .15 to .2 in. *Stipules* very minute. *Flowers* 1.5 in. in diam., in short lateral panicles, the pedicels 1 in. or more in length. *Sepals* ovate or lanceolate, usually reflexed in fruit. *Petals* larger than the sepals. *Anthers* linear, deciduous, shorter than the filiform persistent filaments. *Styles* longer than the stamens, cuneate to the apex, or the apices free and spreading. *Drupes* ovoid, about .5 in. long. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. (excl. syn. *O. stipulacea*, Colebr. MSS.). *O. nitida*, Wall. Cat. 2894 (not of Thunbg.); Planch. in Hook. Journ. Bot. V, 653; Kurz For. Fl. Burm. I, 205. *O. squarrosa*, Kurz Andaman Report IV (not of Linn.). *O. andamanica*, Kurz Andam. Rep. Ed. II, 33; Journ. As. Soc. Bengal, for 1872, pt. 2, 295; For. Flora Burm. I, 205. *O. obtusata*, DC. Wall. Cat. 2805, R.

Andaman Islands.—DISTRIB. Burmah.

Kurz distinguished his species *O. andamanica* by the styles being free and spreading at their apices, while the fruiting sepals are reflexed. But I do not find that these two characters are at all constantly associated. In other respects, Kurz's characters of *O. Wallichii*, and *O. andamanica* are identical. *O. stipulacea*, Colebr., reduced to this by Mr. A. W. Bennett, in Fl. Br. Ind., appears to me to be distinct.

2 GOMPHIA, Schreb.

Glabrous trees or shrubs. *Leaves* alternate, shining, 2-stipulate. *Flowers* yellow, in axillary or terminal racemes or umbels. *Sepals* 5, coloured, persistent. *Petals* 5, imbricate. *Disc* thick, lobed. *Stamens* 10, inserted at the base of the disc, filaments very short, anthers opening by terminal pores. *Ovary* deeply 5-6-lobed, lobes 1-celled; styles connate, stigma simple; ovules solitary in each cell, erect. *Drupes* 5 or fewer, seated on a broad disc, 1-seeded. *Seed* erect, exalbuminous.—DISTRIB. Chiefly tropical South American: a few in Asia and Africa. Species about 80.

Flowers in diffuse panicles ... 1. *G. sumatrana*.

Flowers in corymbs ... 2. *G. Hookeri*.

1. GOMPHIA SUMATRANA, Jack in Mal. Misc. No. 5, p. 29; Hook. Bot. Misc. II., 77. A tree 22 to 40 feet high; young branches slender, pale. *Leaves* coriaceous, narrowly elliptic-oblong, tapering to each end, the edges serrulate or sub-entire; main nerves numerous, sub-horizontal, very faint, as are the reticulations; intramarginal nerves from base to apex, two or three, rather distinct when dry; length 3.5 to 7 in., breadth 1.15 to 2.25 in., petiole .15 in. *Panicles* terminal, longer than the leaves, branching. *Flowers* numerous, .35 in. in diam. *Sepals* narrowly ovate, veined. *Petals* larger than the sepals, broad, retuse and inflexed at the apex. *Anthers* linear, much longer than

the short filaments. *Ovaries* 5; styles longer than the stamens, quite connate. *Ripe carpels* obovate or reniform, shining. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 525; Kurz For. Flora Burm. I, 206; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I, pt. 2, 675; Wall. Cat. 2803. *G. sumatrensis*, Planch. in Hook. Ic. Pl. t. 712, and Hook. Lond. Journ. Bot. VI. 2. *Ochna crocea*, Griff. Not. IV. 463. *E? pulcherrima*, Wall, Cat. 2518.

In all the provinces except the Nicobar and Andaman Islands: common.—DISTRIB. Borneo, Sumatra.

This is very near indeed to *G. angustifolia*, Vahl.; the only differences that I can find between the two being that in this the petals are larger, with more reflexed edges, and the panicles are larger and more diffuse.

2. *GOMPHIA HOOKERI*, Planch. in Hook. Lond. Journ. Bot. VI, 3. A tree; young branches dark-coloured. *Leaves* coriaceous, ovate-oblong to oblong-lanceolate, the base narrowed; main nerves faint, much curved upwards, no continuous intramarginal nerve; upper surface shining, the lower dull; length 2·5 to 6 in., breadth 1 to 2 in., petiole 1·5 to ·35 in. *Flowers* ·35 in. in diam., in lateral or terminal, crowded, minutely bracteolate umbels; the pedicels slender, ·5 to ·7 in. long. *Sepals* lanceolate. *Petals* very deciduous, about as long as the sepals, oblong, obtuse, not narrowed at the base. *Anthers* deciduous, elongate, about as long as the slender persistent filaments. *Ovaries* 5; styles much longer than the stamens, quite connate. *Ripe carpels* sub-globular or obovoid, smooth, ·2 in. diam. Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 525.

In all the provinces except the Nicobar and Andaman Islands.

In the flowers of different individuals, the disc varies in thickness, being in some as thick as the ovaries are long, while in others it is comparatively shallow.

VAR. *corymbosa*; flowers in corymbs, which are sometimes compound; the lengthened rachis of the inflorescence rough from the transverse cicatrices of the fallen bracts; shrubby.

3. TETRAMERISTA, Miq.

Shrubs or trees. *Leaves* very large, coriaceous, entire. *Flowers* in axillary racemes with large foliaceous bracts. *Sepals* 4, imbricate, persistent. *Petals* 4, persistent. *Stamens* 4, the filaments with dilated bases, the anthers with sutural dehiscence. *Ovary* 4-angled, 4-celled, the style entire. *Fruit* baccate, globose; the pericarp leathery.—DISTRIB. Malaya. Species 1 or 2.

1. *TETRAMERISTA GLABRA*, Miq., Fl. Ind. Bat. Suppl., 534. A glabrous tree 30 to 50 feet high; young branches stout, with shining, rather pale bark. *Leaves* narrowly obovate or oblanceolate, sub-sessile,

the apex obtuse; the base much narrowed, minutely sagittate; upper surface shining, the lower dull, chocolate-coloured when dry; main nerves numerous, sub-horizontal; length 5 to 10 in., breadth 1·25 to 2·75 in., petiole under 1 in. *Flowers* 1 in. in diam., in long-pedunculate axillary umbellate racemes; pedicels about 5 in. long, each with a sepal-like bract near the flower. *Sepals* coriaceous, oblong, obtuse. *Petals* linear-lanceolate, about as long as the sepals and reflexed like them. *Stamens* elongate, shorter than the reflexed filaments. *Ovary* ovoid, obscurely 4-angled. *Style* single, stigma minute. *Ripe fruit* ovoid-globose, 1·25 to 1·5 in. long, sub-glabrous, the calyx and corolla persistent; the pericarp thick, fleshy. Bennett in Hook. fl. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 526. *Ancistrocladus? sagittatus*, Wall. Cat. 1055.

Singapore; Wallich. Perak: Wray, Scortechini, King's collector.
DISTRIB. Sumatra.

4. EUTHEMIS, Jack.

Glabrous shrubs. *Leaves* alternate, simple, shining, coriaceous, serrulate, with ciliate deciduous stipules. *Flowers* rose or white, in terminal or leaf-opposed racemes or panicles, bracteate. *Sepals* 5, imbricate, persistent or deciduous. *Petals* 5, longer than sepals, imbricate. *Disc* small, conical. *Stamens* 5, inserted at the base of the disc, with alternate staminodes, anthers opening by terminal pores. *Ovary* semi-5-celled, elongate, viscid; style 1, stigma entire; ovules 1-2 in each cell, pendulous. *Fruit* a berry of 5 pyrenes, each 1-2-seeded. *Seeds* pendulous with a fleshy albumen.—DISTRIB. Species 4; all Malayan.

Leaves spinulose-serrate; fruit white ... 1. *E. leucocarpa*.

Leaves nearly entire; fruit red ... 2. *E. minor*.

1. EUTHEMIS LEUCOCARPA, Jack in Mal. Misc. No. V., p. 16. A shrub 2 to 5 feet high: young branches rather stout, pale, glabrous, lenticellate. *Leaves* oblong-lanceolate, tapering to each end, the edge thickened inside the numerous spinulose serrations; main nerves very numerous, curved at first, then sub-horizontal, indistinct; length 3·5 to 8 in., breadth 1·2 to 2 in.; petiole 5 to 1·5 in., winged. *Flowers* 6 or 7 in. in diam, shortly pedicelled, generally in pairs; bracts ovate, acute. *Sepals* ovate, obtuse, ciliate, the two inner rather smaller. *Petals* longer than the sepals, oblong-ovate, obtuse, reflexed. *Anthers* erect, connivent, subsessile, oblong, acuminate at the apex, style filiform; stigma small, simple. *Berry* snow-white, sub-globular, 2₁ to 35 in. in diam., obscurely angled, mesocarp spongy. Roxb. Fl. Ind. (ed. Carey), II, 303; Planchon in Hook. Ic. Plant. t. 711. Bennett in Hook. fl. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 526; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. Pt. 2 p. 675.

* In all the provinces except the Andaman and Nicobar islands.
DISTRIB. Malayan Archipelago.

2. *EUTHEMIS MINOR*, Jack in Mal. Misc. No. V, p. 18. A small shrub, similar to the last, but with nearly entire, sub-acute, obscurely-veined leaves, and red fruits. Roxb. Fl. Ind. (ed. Carey), ii, 304; Bennett in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 526; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I, Pt. 2, p. 675.

Penang and Singapore.—DISTRIB. Malayan Archipelago.

I give Penang and Singapore as localities for this species, on the authority of Hooker's Flora of British India. It is, however, now probably extinct in both; and I have seen no specimens from any locality nearer to them than the island of Bangka. In Jack's time, this plant appears to have been common enough in Singapore. The plant named *Euthemis elegantissima*, by Wallich, although doubtfully placed in this genus by its author, has leaves very like those of *E. leucocarpa*; but the main nerves curve in a very different manner. Wallich never found it in fruit; but in his day plants of it were common in Singapore and the neighbouring small islands. This too appears now to be extinct. The reduction of *E. elegantissima* to *Gomphia sumatrana*, Planch, which was first suggested by Planchon, is in my opinion quite wrong, the leaves of the two being very different.

ORDER XXVI. BURSERACEÆ.

Trees or shrubs, mostly resiniferous. *Leaves* alternate (very rarely opposite), imparipinnate or trifoliolate, stipulate or ex-stipulate. *Inflorescence* racemose or panicle. *Flowers* regular, small, hermaphrodite or often polygamous. *Calyx* free, 3-6-lobed, imbricate or valvate, often minute. *Petals* 3-6, distinct, rarely connate, imbricate or valvate. *Disc* annular or cupular, or absent, usually conspicuous, free, or adnate to the calyx. *Stamens* as many or twice as many as petals, inserted at the base or margin of the disc, equal or unequal; filaments free or connate at the base, smooth; anthers dorsifixed, rarely innate, 2-locular, dehiscent longitudinally. *Ovary* free, rarely 1-, more often 2-5-celled; style simple, stigma undivided or 2-5-lobed; ovules 2, or rarely 1 in each cell, anatropous, usually pendulous, rarely ascending, micropyle superior, raphe ventral. *Fruit* drupaceous, indehiscent with hard putamen, or separating into 2-5 pyrenes, rarely pseudo-capsular and dehiscent. *Seeds* solitary, usually pendulous, testa membranous, albumen 0; cotyledons usually membranous, contortuplicate, rarely fleshy and plano-convex, radicle superior.—DISTRIB. Tropical regions of both hemispheres; genera 15 to 19. Species about 250.

Calyx, corolla, and stamens 5-merous.

Fruit hard, woody, 3-winged, separating

into 3 indehiscent pyrenes

... 1. *Triomma*.

Flowers 3-merous.

Flowers polygamous, dimorphous. Fruit ellipsoid, more or less trigonous, with terminal style; endocarp bony, 1-3-celled, usually 1-seeded 2. *Canarium*.

Fruit obliquely globose, 1-celled, 1-seeded. Calyx keeled, the segments large, connivent 3. *Trigonochlamys*.

Flowers hermaphrodite, homomorphous. Fruit ellipsoid or sub-globose, with the stigmatic scar lateral or basal, more or less compressed on two sides, rounded on the third; endocarp rarely bony or woody, 1-celled, 1-seeded 4. *Santiria*.

1. TRIOMMA, Hook. fil.

A tree. *Leaves* alternate, exstipulate, imparipinnate; the leaflets few, opposite, petiolulate. *Flowers* very small, in terminal panicles, polygamous. *Calyx* 5-fid. *Petals* 5, small, valvate? *Stamens* 10 (?) inserted at the base of the 5-lobed disc. *Ovary* trigonous, 3-celled, style short, ovules 2 in each cell. *Fruit* 3-winged, 3-valved, as much as 2-2½ inches long, containing 3 hard woody separable pyrenes.—*DISTRIB.* A solitary species.

1. TRIOMMA MALACCENSIS, Hook. f. in Trans. Linn. Soc. XXIII. 171; leaflets oblique, ovate-lanceolate, acuminate, entire; drupe ovate-caudate, acutely cuspidate, 2½ in. long by 2 in. broad: Bennett in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 528. *Arytera*? *macrocarpa*, Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. Suppl. 199.

Malacca: Griffith, Maingay.

There is an authentic specimen in the Calcutta Herbarium of Miquel's *Arytera*? *macrocarpa*, collected by Teysmann in the Lampongs, Eastern Sumatra. There is no doubt whatever of its identity with this.

2. CANARIUM, Linn.

Reziniferous trees. *Leaves* alternate, imparipinnate, stipulate or exstipulate. *Flowers* bracteate, in terminal or axillary panicles or racemes, dimorphous, polygamous; those with fertile stamens and rudimentary ovaries being smaller, but in larger inflorescences; those with fertile ovary having rudimentary stamens, being larger, but in smaller inflorescences. *Calyx* campanulate, 3-lobed or 3-fid, valvate. *Petals* 3, imbricate below or valvate, usually exceeding the calyx. *Stamens* 6, distinct, inserted on margin or outside of disc, or filaments confluent below and disc absent. *Ovary* 3-celled; ovules 2 in each

cell; style various, or stigma subsessile, capitate. *Drupe* usually ellipsoidal, more or less distinctly trigonous, with a 1-3-celled, 1-3-seeded stone; cotyledons often partite, contortuplicate. **DISTRIB.** Tropical Asia, chiefly in Malaya. Species probably about 90.

The genera *Santiria* and *Canarium* are not separated from each other by any bold, well-marked distinction. As regards the Indian species of both genera, I find the following characters the most diagnostic:—

. CANARIUM.

Calyx cupular or campanulate.
Petals longer than broad, slightly narrowed to the base.
Disc small, annular, or thin and cupular, or represented only by the tube formed by the united filaments.
Filaments dilated at the base and sometimes united into a tube.
The flowers with fertile anthers (practically the male flowers) smaller than those with fertile ovaries, but in larger inflorescences.

SANTIRIA.

Calyx cupular, never campanulate, sometimes quite flat.
Petals rotund, with very broad truncate bases.
Disc large, cupular, fleshy, often corrugated.
Filaments dilated at the base, but never united into a tube.
Flowers all hermaphrodite and uniform, as are the inflorescences.

In the majority of the species of *Canarium* in which the filaments are united into a tube, I can find no other disc than that tube.

The genus *Trigonochlamys* is also closely allied to *Canarium* and *Santiria*, being distinguished from both by its much larger calyx, depressed-globose ovary, and spherical drupe. In fact the characters of the three genera so overlap each other, that, in my opinion, they must either be kept distinct by characters more or less minute, as Messrs. Benthams and Hooker have done, or united into a single genus. Dr. Engler steers a middle course; he keeps up *Canarium* and *Santiria*, but unites *Trigonochlamys* with the latter, dividing *Santiria* into three sections: (1) *Icicopsis*, with one species (*S. Planchoni*); (2) *Trigonochlamys*, with four species; and (3) *Eu-santiria* with 22 species. The section *Icicopsis* contains one 3-androus plant, which, as it has the dimorphous flowers and inflorescence of *Canarium*, I have transferred to that genus. I admit that the drupes of the plant in question more resemble those of *Santiria* than of *Canarium*: but, in the majority of its characters, it appears to me to agree better with the latter genus. As regards Dr. Engler's section *Trigonochlamys*, it is difficult to see how *Canarium* and *Santiria* are to be kept distinct as genera, if the four

plants which form this section are to be included under *Santiria*; for the flowers of *Trigonochlamys* are really more like those of *Canarium* than of *Santiria*. The separation of *Canarium* from *Santiria* by characters taken from the drupe, in my opinion, fails. The drupe of *Canarium* is defined as 1 inch or more in length, ovoid or oblong-ovoid, never gibbous, boldly trigonous, its sides equal and its endocarp hard thick and strong, 3-to 1-celled, and the scar of the style apical; while that of *Santiria* is usually less than 1 in. long, shortly and obliquely ovoid or sub-globose, often gibbous, the endocarp being thin, coriaceous, sub-ligneous, never bony, 1-celled, and the scar of the style lateral and often approximated to the base. Unfortunately several species from Perak (which in other respects have the *facies* of *Santiria*) have the style-scar quite terminal; while, on the other hand, some species with many of the characters of *Canarium* have drupes of which the endocarp is not more bony than that of several species of *Santiria*. The characters drawn from the flower, which I have given above, do not appear to me to have hitherto had sufficient value attached to them.

By transferring *Santiria Planchoni*, Benn. to *Canarium*; by keeping up *Trigonochlamys* as a genus characterised by its very large calyx, and globose drupe; and by restricting *Santiria* to the plants which form the section *Eu-santiria* of Engler, I venture to think that the study of all the plants concerned will be simplified.

Stamens 3.

Leaves sub-coriaceous with bluntly acuminate apices and 10 to 14 pairs of main nerves; flowers 1 in. long, drupes 4 to 5 in. long

1. *C. Planchoni*.

Leaves coriaceous, with caudate-acuminate apices and 7 to 9 pairs of main nerves; flowers 2 in. long; drupes 2 to 2.25 in. long

2. *O. caudatum*.

Stamens 6.

Filaments united into a tube.

Leaflets glabrous on both surfaces.

Leaflets 5 to 9 with 7 or 8 pairs of nerves; panicles terminal

3. *O. parvifolium*.

Leaflets 11 to 17, with 12 to 19 pairs of nerves; panicles axillary

4. *O. euphyllum*.

Leaflets more or less hairy.

Leaflets 7 to 9, sparsely pubescent on the lower surface when young, main nerves 10 or 12 pairs; panicles axillary

5. *O. grandiflorum*.

- Leaflets sparsely hispid on both surfaces
when young; glabrous, except the
hispidulous nerves, when adult; pani-
cles hispidulous ... 6. *C. pilosum*.
- Leaflets sparsely hispidulous on the
upper surface, their under surface and
the inflorescence rufous-pubescent or
tomentose ... 7. *C. hirtellum*.
- Leaflets with the midrib tomentose on
the upper surface, the whole of the
under surface and the panicles
rufous-tomentose ... 8. *C. rufum*.
- Leaflets glabrous on the upper surface,
the lower glaucescent, with a few
scattered hairs; panicles rusty-tomen-
tose ... 9. *C. purpurascens*.
- Filaments free.
- Leaflets quite glabrous on both surfaces;
petals puberulous outside.
- Stipules persistent.
- Stipules elliptic-oblong, entire ... 10. *C. commune*.
- Stipules pectinately lobed ... 11. *C. coccineo-
bracteatum*.
- Stipules (if any) deciduous ... 12. *C. Munii*.
- Leaflets glabrous or nearly so on both
surfaces, petals rusty-pilose or pilose
outside ... 13. *C. Kadondon*.
- Leaflets with the midrib and nerves
puberulous on the lower surface.
- Leaflets not glaucous beneath, entire;
drupe less than 1 in. long ... 14. *C. rubiginosum*.
- Leaflets glaucous beneath, at least
when young.
- Leaflets crenulate or sub-crenu-
late; drupes 1 in. long ... 15. *C. Kunstleri*.
- Leaflets obscurely and minute-
ly crenate or serrate, drupes
about 2 in. long ... 16. *C. glaucum*.
- Leaflets rusty-tomentose or pubescent
on the lower surface, the midrib
tomentose on the upper ... 17. *C. secundum*.

Of doubtful position.

Male flowers unknown, but probably

near *C. parvifolium* ... 18. *C. nitidum*.

1. *CANARIUM PLANCHONI*, King, A tree, 50 or 60 feet high; young branches glabrous, cinereous. *Leaves* 5 to 10 in. long, stipules deciduous. *Leaflets* 7 to 13, thinly coriaceous, oblong-lanceolate or elliptic-oblong, shortly and bluntly acuminate; the base rounded, slightly oblique; both surfaces glabrous, the upper pale when dry and the nervation obsolete, the lower brown with the 10 to 14 pairs of sub-horizontal nerves slightly prominent; length 2 to 4 in., breadth .9 to 1.5 in.; petioles .15 to .3 in., the terminal one longer. *Panicles* numerous, slender, axillary, much shorter than the leaves, pale puberulous; the branches distant, ascending, the small flowers crowded near their apices. *Flowers* .1 in. long, with several very minute deciduous bracteoles just beneath the calyx. *Calyx* campanulate, deeply cleft into 3 ovate, triangular lobes, tomentose outside, glabrous inside. *Petals* slightly larger than the sepals, deltoid, with a short subulate inflected apex, sub-concave, less tomentose outside than the sepals, glabrous inside. *Stamens* 3, connivent; the anthers innate, broadly ovate; filaments shorter than the anthers, flat, dilated at the base and inserted on the edge of the large cupular fleshy disc. *Ovary* in the male flowers imperfect: in the female flowers small, ovate, 3-grooved, glabrous; style terminal, short, 3-grooved, as is the stigma. *Fruit* ovoid, slightly gibbous, globular, glabrous; the persistent style slightly lateral, .4 to 5 in. long. *Santiria Planchoni*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 536; Engler in De. Candolle Monegr. Phanerog. IV, 154.

Malacca: Maingay (Kew Distrib.), Nos. 315, 1972; Griffith, Nos. 1152, 1153. Perak: King's collector, No. 5573; Scortechini, No. 2097.

2. *CANARIUM CAUDATUM*, King n. sp. A tree 20 to 40 feet high; young shoots pale brown, lenticellate, all parts except the calyx quite glabrous. *Leaves* 8 to 13 in. long, stipules (if any) deciduous. *Leaflets* 5 to 7, coriaceous, oblong to ovate, tapering to both ends, the apex caudate-acuminate, the edges entire and sometimes slightly undulate; both surfaces glabrous, shining, the reticulations distinct on the upper surface, and the 7 to 9 pairs of ascending curving interarching main nerves pale on the lower; length 3 to 6 in., breadth 1.5 in. to 2.25 in., petioles .4 to .5 in., the terminal one 1.2 to 1.6 in. *Male panicles* terminal, narrowly pyramidal, few-branched, shorter than the leaves, the bracteoles (if any) deciduous. *Flowers* few, at the extremities of the branches, .2 in., long. *Calyx* widely campanulate, the mouth with 3 broad, shallow teeth, minutely pubescent outside, glabrous inside. *Petals* longer than the calyx, imbricate, ovate, acute, the base truncate,

thickened in the middle; the edges thin, both surfaces glabrous. *Stamens* 3; the anthers oblong, shorter than the flattened filaments, the dilated bases of which are attached outside the glabrous fleshy disc from which emerges the oblong tapering rudimentary ovary: style filiform, stigma minute. *Female flowers* not seen. *Ripe drupes* narrowly ellipsoid, slightly clavate, sub-trigonous, 2 to 2.25 in. long and .6 in. in diam.; persistent calyx small, flat, 3-angled.

Perak: King's collector, Nos. 8554, 10016, 10182, and 10227. Scortechini, No. 454.

This and the next are distinctly separated from all the other hitherto described Malayan species by their triandrous flowers. The leaves and drupes of this are also very characteristic.

3. *CANARIUM PARVIFOLIUM*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fl. Fl. Br. Ind. 1. 536. A tree; young branches slender, dark brown, all parts ultimately glabrous except the flower. *Leaves* 6 to 12 in. long; leaflets 5 to 9, coriaceous, oblong-lanceolate to elliptic, acuminate, entire, the base rounded or slightly narrowed, both surfaces shining; nerves 7 or 8 pairs, spreading, invisible above (even when dry) and very faint below, length 2 to 3.5 in., breadth .8 to 1.6; petiolules .1 to .2 in., the terminal one .35 to .65 in.; stipules (if any) deciduous. *Panicles* terminal, slender, the branches few, short, few-flowered, bracteolate. *Flowers* .2 in. long, slightly longer than the pedicels. *Calyx* campanulate; the mouth truncate, quite entire or faintly 3-toothed. *Petals* much longer than the calyx, imbricate, elliptic, obtuse, concave, puberulous on both surfaces. *Stamens* 6, as long as the petals: anthers oblong, much shorter than the filaments which are subulate, much dilated in the lower third and very slightly united at the base. *Rudimentary ovary* ovoid, tapering into the thin cylindric style, glabrous. *Female flowers* unknown. *Ripe drupe* ellipsoid, trigonous, glabrous, 1.5 to 1.75 in. long, and .8 in. in diam. Engler in DeCand. Monogr. Phanerog. Vol. IV, 140.

Malacca: Griffith, No. 1068; Maingay, No. 353 (Kew Distribution). Perak: King's collector, Nos. 2618 and 7870.

The bases of the filaments in Griffith's No. 1068 are less dilated than in those of Maingay's No. 353, or in those of King's collector's specimens; but in other respects the characters agree. This species in externals much resembles *O. nitidum*, Benn.

4. *CANARIUM EUPHYLLUM*, Kurz in Journ. As. Soc. Bengal, 1872, Pt. 2. p. 295. A tree 80 to 90 feet high; young shoots very stout, puberulous. *Leaves* 2 to 3 feet long, the stipules (if any) very deciduous. *Leaflets* 11 to 17, membranous, ovate, ovate-oblong or oblong, opposite, very shortly and abruptly acuminate, the edges glandular-serrulate; the base unequal, rounded or sub-cordate; both surfaces

glabrous, minutely reticulate, the upper shining; main nerves 12 to 19 pairs, spreading, rather straight, interarching very near the edge; length 4 to 10 in., the lower leaflets much the smallest; breadth 2 to 3·5 in., petiolules ·35 to ·6 in. *Panicles* shorter than the leaves, axillary, puberulous or glabrous, their branches only 1 or 2 inches long, few-flowered, sub-corymbose. *Flowers* 4 in. long. *Calyx* shorter than the petals, tubular, cut for half its length into 3 broad blunt teeth, puberulous on both surfaces. *Petals* oblong, concave and thickened at the apex, minutely tomentose outside. *Stamens* 6, the anthers linear-oblong, shorter than the glabrous filaments which for two-thirds of their length are united into a tube; rudimentary ovary truncate, glabrous, with a few hairs on the top. *Female flowers* not seen. *Ripe drupes* ovoid-ellipsoid, not trigonous, glabrous, 1·75 in. long and ·8 in. in diam., peduncles stout; the persistent calyx 3-angled, woody. Kurz For. Flora Burmah. I, 208. A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 535. Engler in DeCand. Monogr. Phanerog. IV., 123.

South Andaman: Kurz, King's collector. Burmah: in North Arakan, Hildebrand.

The leaflets on the same leaf vary much in size and shape; those towards the base being short and broad, while those towards the apex are oblong. This species is closely allied to *O. bengalense*, Roxb., but its calyx is more deeply toothed; its anthers are shorter and broader; and its leaves although very similar in texture, are longer, have thicker rachises, while the leaflets are serrate and not entire. The young branches of this are moreover nearly twice as thick as those of *O. bengalense*.

5. CANARIUM GRANDIFLORUM, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 533. A tree; young branches stout, pubescent, ultimately glabrous and dark-coloured. *Leaves* 9 to 12 in. long, the rachis glabrous. *Leaflets* thinly coriaceous, 7 to 9, opposite, ovate-lanceolate or elliptic-oblong, acuminate, entire, the base rounded, upper surface glabrous; the lower glabrous or sparsely pubescent, with the 10 to 12 pairs of spreading main nerves prominent; length 3 to 4·5 in., breadth 1·35 to 1·75 in.; petiolules ·2 in. long, the terminal one longer. *Male panicles* little more than half as long as the leaves, puberulous or nearly glabrous, with a few long spreading branches; the flowers few, in distant clusters, shortly pedicelled. *Calyx* shortly campanulate, with 3 broad, blunt teeth, pubescent outside, glabrous inside. *Petals* longer than the calyx, oblong, thick, concave, blunt, pubescent outside, glabrous inside. *Anthers* linear, longer than the filaments, the latter glabrous, dilated, and forming a short tube, rudimentary ovary hairy. *Female flowers* larger than the male, in axillary racemes, or short panicles with racemose branches; the anthers short, ovate; the filaments as in the male. Ovary broadly ovoid, tapering

into the style and like it rufous-pilose; stigma capitate. *Drupe* narrowly ellipsoid, sub-trigonus, glabrous; stone thick, bony, 1.35 in. long. Engler in DeCand. Monogr. Phanerog. IV., 122.

Malacca: Maingay, (Kew Distrib.), No. 312. Singapore: Hullett No. 516.

This is an imperfectly known species. The only male flowers I have seen of it are those in Mr. Hullett's specimen from Singapore. I have seen no ripe drupes. *Canarium dichotomum*, Miq. (*Pimela dichotoma*, Blume Mus. Lugd. Bat. I, 22) closely resembles this as to leaves. But, as neither Blume nor Miquel describes its flowers, it is impossible to decide whether the likeness goes beyond externals. The specific name of this is unfortunate. The flowers described by the author of it are females, and they are not larger than the female flowers of many other species, while they are much smaller than those, for example, of *C. rufum*, Benn.

6. *CANARIUM PILOSUM*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 533. A tree 30 to 60 feet high; young branches rufous-pubescent, with strigose hairs intermixed. *Leaves* 12 to 18 in. long. *Leaflets* 3 to 7, thinly coriaceous, opposite, oblong-lanceolate to elliptic, sometimes slightly obovate, shortly and abruptly acuminate, entire or obscurely crenulate; the base cuneate, slightly unequal-sided; both surfaces when young sparsely hispid, when adult almost glabrous except the midrib and 12 or 13 pairs of slightly prominent spreading nerves which are sparsely hispidulous; reticulations distinct beneath; length 4.5 to 5.5 in., breadth 1.5 to 2.5 in.; petiolules .15 to .25 in., the terminal one more than 1 in.; stipules in pairs, subulate, hairy. *Male racemes* axillary, about 6 in. long, hispidulous, interrupted. *Flowers* about .5 in. long, pedicellate, few. *Calyx* much shorter than the corolla, tubular, its mouth nearly entire, minutely tomentose on both surfaces. *Petals* narrowly oblong, thickened and wider upwards, puberulous on both surfaces. *Anthers* linear, about half as long as the filaments which are linear, flattened and united into a tube for about one-third of their length; rudimentary ovary very short, rufous-pilose. *Female flowers* unknown; the fruiting racemes only about 4 in. long, nearly glabrous. *Drupe*s narrowly ellipsoid, sub-trigonus, glabrous, 1 in. long, and .5 in. in diam. (unripe). Engler in DeCandollé, Monogr. Phanerog. IV. 121. Wall. Cat. No. 8100.

Malacca: Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 302. Singapore: Wallich. Perak: Scortechini No. 424.

This species is very closely allied to *C. hirtellum*, the chief differences being (1) that the calyx of the male flowers of this is almost entire, while in those of *C. hirtellum*, the calyx is deeply 3-toothed; and (2)

that the leaves of this are when young hispidulous, and when adult nearly glabrous; while those of *C. hirtellum* are more or less densely pubescent beneath at all stages.

7. *CANARIUM HIRTELLUM* A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I. 534. A tree 40 to 60 feet high: the young branches, rachises and under surfaces of the leaves and the inflorescence more or densely rufous-pubescent or tomentose. *Leaves* 9 to 15 in. long: *leaflets* 5 to 7, the pairs opposite, coriaceous, elliptic, shortly and rather abruptly acuminate, entire or minutely serrulate, the base rounded, or sub-cuneate; upper surface shining, reticulate, sparsely hispidulous, the midrib tomentose; main nerves 11 to 13 pairs, spreading, curving, prominent on the lower, depressed on the upper surface; length 4 to 7 in., breadth 1·5 to 3 in.; petiolules ·1 to ·2 in., that of the terminal one ·5 to ·75 in. *Male flowers* in axillary or terminal racemes or panicles much shorter than the leaves. *Flowers* ·4 in. long, on short stout pedicels, mostly crowded near the ends of the branchlets. *Calyx* campanulate, with 3 broad blunt teeth, tomentose on both surfaces but especially on the outer. *Petals* longer than the calyx, oblong, concave, thickened upwards, sericeous outside, glaberulous within. *Anthers* linear, about one-third as long as the glabrous flattened filaments which are united into a tube for half their length; rudimentary ovary very small, rufous-sericeous. *Female flowers* not much larger than the males, the stamens shorter than the pistil, the free part of the filaments very short, the anthers with pubescent edges. *Ovary* broadly ovoid, densely rufous-sericeous; the style about as long, sparsely pubescent. *Stigma* capitate, 3-lobed. *Ripe drupe* narrowly ellipsoid, trigonous, glabrous, 1 to 1·25 in. long, and ·4 to ·5 in. in diam. Engler in De Candolle Monog. Phanerog. IV, 121; Hooker Icones Plantar. No. 1575. Wall Cat. 8102 and 9047.

Penang; Wallich, Curtis, Nos. 656, 2251. Selangor: Ridley, No. 1869. Perak: King's collector, Wray; common.

8. *CANARIUM RUFUM*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. Vol. 1, 533. A tree 60 to 100 feet high: young branches, inflorescence, petiolules and under surfaces of the leaves rusty-tomentose. *Leaves* 12 to 15 in. long, the rachises glabrous when adult. *Leaflets* 7 to 11, very coriaceous, opposite, elliptic or broadly oblong, shortly and abruptly acuminate, the edges serrate-dentate to the broad rounded sometimes slightly oblique base; upper surface glabrous except the tomentose midrib, shining, the lower boldly and minutely reticulate: main nerves 12 to 15 pairs, spreading, very prominent beneath; length 3 to 6 in., breadth 2 to 2·75 in., the lowest leaflets the smallest; petiolules ·3 to ·4 in., that of the terminal leaflet 1·25 to 1·5 in.; stipules not seen. *Male*

branches terminal, shorter than the leaves, very stout, the lateral branches very short, the flowers in dense bracteate clusters at their apices: bracts numerous, broadly ovate, blunt, concave, tomentose outside. *Calyx* very coriaceous, narrowly campanulate with 3 short blunt teeth, sericeous-tomentose on both surfaces. *Petals* longer than the calyx, oblong, concave, tomentose outside except the glabrous edges, glabrous inside. *Stamens* 6: the anthers linear, slightly longer than the filaments which are much dilated in the lower half and slightly united at the base into a short tube inserted outside the fleshy disc; rudimentary ovary short, broad, glabrous. *Female panicles* shorter than the male, but the flowers at least twice as large (·5 in. long); the petals narrower, the anthers much shorter than in the males and the filaments completely united for one-third of their length into a tube; ovary depressed-globular, tomentose, narrowing into the thick tomentose style: stigma discoid. *Ripe drupe* narrowly ellipsoid, sharply 3-angled, glabrous, the apex rather blunt, 2·5 to nearly 3 in. long, and 1 to 1·3 in. in diam. Engler in De Cand. Monog. Phanerog. IV, 107.

Malacca: Griffith, No. 1143, Maingay, 'No. 301. Perak: King's collector, Wray, Scortechini; common.

A very distinct species recognizable at once by its very coriaceous many-nerved rusty leaflets, large flowers, and boldly trigonous fruits.

9. *CANARIUM PURPURASCENS*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 532. A tree 50 to 70 feet high: young branches densely rusty-puberulous. *Leaves* 8 to 14 in. long; stipules rotund-cordate, rusty-pubescent. *Leaflets* 7 to 9, coriaceous, oblong to elliptic-oblong, rarely obovate-oblong, entire, or slightly serrate towards the abruptly acuminate apex, the base slightly narrowed, upper surface glabrous shining; the lower glabrous and glaucescent, often with a few scattered hairs: main nerves 10 to 14 pairs, spreading; length 2·5 to 5·5 in., breadth 1 to 2 in.; petiolule ·2 to ·25 in., that of the terminal one 1 in. or more. *Male inflorescence*; a racemose panicle often branched, rusty tomentose, 9 to 18 in. long; the ultimate branches few flowered branched cymules. *Bracts* ovate, tomentose, larger than the flower-buds, deciduous; flowers ·25 in. long. *Calyx* tubular, tomentose, with 3 broad shallow teeth. *Petals* broadly oblong, acute, concave, tomentose outside, glabrous inside. *Stamens* 6; the filaments much shorter than the narrowly oblong puberulous anthers, dilated at the base and slightly united so as to form a short tube. Disc none. *Rudimentary ovary* turbinate, glabrous, dark-coloured. *Female flowers* ·5 in. long, in stout few-flowered racemes or panicles only 2 to 4 or 5 in. long; ovary globular-ovoid, pubescent, narrowed into a short thick style: stigma large, capitate, 3-lobed. *Drupe* elliptic-ovoid, rather blunt at each end,

sub-trigonus, glabrous, 2 in. long and 1·15 in. in diam. Engler in De. Cand. Monog. Phan. IV, 115. *Canarium*, Wall. Cat. 9046.

Malacca: Griffith (Kew Distrib.) No. 1142, Derry. Singapore: Wallich, Ridley. Penang: Curtis, Nos. 803, 862, 959, 2708. Perak: Scortechini, No. 175, King's collector, Nos. 6181, 7885.

10. *CANARIUM COMMUNE*, Linn. A very tall tree: young branches pale puberulous, or almost glabrous. *Leaflets* 7 to 9, sub-coriaceous, ovate-elliptic, acuminate, entire, the base sub-cuneate, both surfaces glabrous; main nerves 10 to 14 pairs, spreading, rather prominent; length 3 to 5 in., breadth 1·3 to 2 in., petiolules about ·5 in.; stipules persistent, elliptic-oblong, puberulous, veined, about 1 in. long. *Panicles* terminal, lax, spreading, minutely puberulous; the flowers clustered at the apices of the branches, their buds enclosed in rotund, very concave, minutely tomentose bracts. *Oalya* campanulate, broadly 3-lobed. *Petals* 3, ovate-rotund, concave. *Stamens* 6, the filaments shorter than the anthers, free; rudimentary pistil (in the male flower) hairy. *Ovary* (in female flower) oblong-globular, glabrous, the style short and thick; stigma 3-lobed (fide Kœnig). *Fruit* ellipsoidal, sub-trigonus, the stone bony, 1-to 3-celled, 2 in. or more long and 1 to 1·25 in. in diam. Kœnig, Ann. Bot. i. 360, t. 7, f. 2; Roxb. Fl. Ind. iii. 137; Blume Mus. Bot. i. 214; Bijl. 1161; DC. Prodr. ii. 79; W. & A. Prodr. 175; Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. vol. i. pt. 2, 643; Wall. Cat. 8493. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 531. *Sapindus travancorensis*, Wall. Cat. 8047.

Planted in Penang, Singapore and some of the other provinces, but apparently never wild.

Kœnig in his description, which is a very full one, states that the stipules are "crenate, toothed or sometimes fringed." In all the specimens accepted as *C. commune* which I have seen the stipules are entire, and Rumphius thus figures them. For this as well as for other reasons, I suspect that more than one species is included under the name *C. commune*. L.

11. *CANARIUM COCCINEO-BRACTEATUM*, Kurz in Journ. As. Soc. Bengal for 1872, pt. 2, p. 296. A tree: young branches stout, minutely pale-pubescent. *Leaves* 10 to 18 in. long: stipules rather large, puberulous, pectinately lobed. *Leaflets* 5 to 9, opposite, subcoriaceous, broadly ovate, oblong-ovate to oblong, shortly acuminate, setaceous-serrulate or entire on the same tree; the base oblique, rounded, or sub-cuneate: both surfaces glabrous; main nerves 10 to 12 pairs, slightly prominent beneath; length 3·5 to 7·5, breadth 2 to 3 in.; petiolules ·2 to ·4 in., the terminal one 1·5 in. *Panicles* axillary, shorter than the leaves, deciduously puberulous, their branches rather long and spreading; the flowers crowded towards their apices, rather numerous; bracts longer than the

buds, ovate or oblong-acuminate, tomentose outside, scarlet. *Flowers* .3 in. long, on pedicels about as long as themselves, sub-globose. *Calyx* campanulate, with three deep broad teeth, tomentose outside, glabrous inside. *Petals* longer than the calyx, valvate, ovate, obtuse, puberulous outside, glabrous inside. *Stamens* 6; the anthers oblong, about as long as the free flattened glabrous filaments which rise from the edge of the fleshy corrugated disc: rudf. ovary minute. *Female flowers and drupe unknown.* Kurz For. Flora Burmah I, 209; A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 536. Engler in De Cand. Monogr. Phanerog. IV, 149.

South Andaman : Kurz, King's collectors.

12. *CANARIUM MANII*, King, n. sp. A tree: young branches slender, pale brown, scurfy-puberulous. *Leaves* 9 to 12 in. long, stipules (if any) deciduous. *Leaflets* 5 to 7, thinly coriaceous, ovate or ovate-rotund, shortly acuminate, entire; the base very broad, rounded or subcordate, never narrowed; both surfaces quite glabrous, shining, the reticulations minute: main nerves about 10 pairs, spreading, rather straight, slightly prominent beneath; length 3.25 to 4.5 in., breadth 1.5 to 2.75 in.; petiolules .2 to .4 in., the terminal one longer. *Panicles* terminal, slender, shorter than the leaves, minutely pubescent; their branches short (1 in. long), corymbose. *Flowers* .25 in. long, few; buds globular, each with an oblong, obtuse tomentose bract longer than itself. *Calyx* tomentose, widely campanulate, with 3 broad, shallow teeth. *Petals* slightly longer than the calyx, broadly ovate, sub-acute, minutely pubescent externally, glabrous internally. *Stamens* 6, anthers oblong, shorter than the free glabrous slightly flattened filaments which are inserted outside the glabrous fleshy lobed disc.; ovary none. *Female flowers unknown.* *Ripe drupes* ovoid-ellipsoid, glabrous, not trigonous, 1 to 1.25 in. long and .6 in. in diam.; the woody persistent calyx flat and 3-angled.

South Andaman Island : Man, King's collectors.

This resembles *C. euphyllum*, Kurz in its fruit, but has very different leaves and panicles: the bracts of the inflorescence in this are moreover brown, not scarlet.

13. *CANARIUM KADONDON*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 535. A tree, young branches glabrous. *Leaves* 6 to 12 (rarely 15) in. long; their rachises terete, nearly glabrous, stipules (if any) deciduous. *Leaflets* 7 to 9, elliptic-oblong to elliptic, obtusely acuminate, entire, both surfaces glabrous or nearly so, the base often unequal rounded or sub-cuneate; main nerves 6 to 9 pairs, spreading, incurved, slightly prominent beneath; length 2.5 to 5 in., breadth 1 to 2.25 in.; petiolules .35 to .5 in., the terminal twice as long. *Panicles* sparsely rusty-

tomentose; the lateral branches short and corymbose, minutely bracteolate. *Flowers* globose in bud, about as long as the pedicels; bracteoles minute, subulate. *Calyx* fleshy, cup-shaped, shortly pilose outside, the mouth with three shallow broad teeth. *Petals* valvate, rotund, densely ferruginous, pilose outside, pubescent inside. *Stamens* 6; the anthers broadly ovate, about as long as the filaments which are dilated at the base, free, and inserted outside the broad fleshy lobed glabrous disc. *Ovary* ovoid, glabrous, stigma (in the bud) sub-sessile. *Ripe drupe* ellipsoid-ovoid, apiculate, not trigonous, glabrous, 1.15 in. long and .6 in. in diam. Engler in DeCand. Monogr. Phanerog. IV., 138.

Malacca: Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 365. Perak: King's collector, many numbers. Penang: Curtis Nos. 495, 1432, 1433, 1434; Hullett, No. 186. Pahang: Ridley No. 2575.

A species distinguishable by its globular buds; its petals densely rufous-pilose externally; and by the long slender petiolules of the leaflets.

14. *CANARIUM RUBIGINOSUM*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 534. A tree: young branches and inflorescence minutely tawny-tomentose. *Leaves* 9 to 12 in. long, the rachises glabrous when adult; stipules (if any) deciduous. *Leaflets* 5 to 7, coriaceous, elliptic-oblong, shortly and obtusely acuminate, entire, the base rounded or slightly narrowed; both surfaces glabrous when adult, the lower puberulous along the stout midrib and 10 to 13 pairs of spreading curving main nerves, the reticulations also distinct: length 3.5 to 4.5 in., breadth 1.25 to 2 in.; petiolules .6 in., the terminal one 1.5 in. *Panicles* of male flowers terminal and axillary, 4 to 10 in. long, the branchlets bearing the flowers at their extremities in condensed many-flowered dichotomous cymes. *Buds* globular, .1 in long, longer than the stout pedicels. *Calyx* a shallow entire cup. *Petals* deltoid, valvate, concave, much exceeding the calyx, minutely tawny-tomentose outside, glabrescent inside as is the calyx. *Stamens* 6, shorter than the petals, inserted on the outside of the lobed cushion-like fleshy disc; the anthers oblong, about as long as the flat free filaments. *Female flowers* unknown. *Ripe drupe* ellipsoid, nearly 1 in. long, and .6 in. in diam., obscurely trigonous, glabrous. Engler in DeCandolle Monogr. Phanerog. IV, 136.

Malacca: Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 309.

15. *CANARIUM KUNSTLERI*, King, n. sp. A tree 60 to 70 feet high: young branches rather stout, pale brown, minutely and deciduously scurfy-tomentose. *Leaves* 14 to 20 inches; stipules deeply lacinate, puberulous, persistent. *Leaflets* 7 to 11, sub-coriaceous, oblong to elliptic-oblong, shortly acuminate, the edges crenulate or sub-entire; the base rounded or sub-cuneate, slightly oblique; upper surface glabrous, the lower glaucous (at least when young), puberulous on the

midrib and nerves, minutely scaly; main nerves 12 to 15 pairs, spreading, curving, rather prominent beneath; length 4 to 8 in., breadth 2·25 to 3·25 in.; petiolules 3 to 4 in., the terminal one twice as long. *Male panicles* terminal, rusty-puberulous, 10 to 12 in. long, spreading, compound, the flowers crowded on the ultimate branchlets; the pedicels short, tomentose, each with 1 or 2 oblong tomentose brown bracteoles which are longer than the globular buds. *Flowers* 3 in. long. *Calyx* shorter than the petals, cut nearly to the base into 3 ovate obtuse spreading lobes, tomentose outside, puberulous inside. *Petals* ovate, tapering to each end (sub-rhomboid), the outer surface keeled, tomentose with glabrous edges, the inner glabrous. *Stamens* 6; anthers oblong, shorter than the slightly flattened free filaments which are inserted outside the glabrous corrugated disc; ruddy; ovary minute or 0. *Female panicles* as large as the male, fewer-flowered and the flowers larger, the bracts at the bases of the branches laciniate; *stamens* rudimentary; ovary ovoid, style short, thick, both glabrous, stigma large and faintly 3-lobed. *Ripe drupes* ellipsoid, rather blunt at each end, glabrous, very slightly trigonous, 1 in. long and 6 in. in diam., the style persistent; the pedicel stout, 6 to 8 in. long, bearing several persistent bracteoles.

Perak: King's collector Nos. 7041, 7393 and 7509; Curtis, No. 2710.

The nearest ally of this is *C. denticulatum*, Blume, but that has much shorter filaments and smaller leaves; its fruit is unknown.

16. *CANARIUM GLAUCUM*, Blume Mus. Bot. Lugd. Bat. I, 219. A tree 40 to 60 feet high: young branches rather slender, lenticellate, deciduously rusty-puberulous. *Leaves* 12 to 15 in. long, the rachis at first rusty-puberulous, ultimately glabrous. *Leaflets* 7 to 9, oblong or elliptic, acute or shortly acuminate, the edges obscurely and minutely crenate or serrate or sub-entire; upper surface glabrous, the midrib pubescent; the lower glaucous, rusty-pubescent on the midrib and sometimes on the 10 to 14 pairs of rather prominent spreading main nerves. *Stipules* rotund-reniform, 4 in. long. *Panicles* terminal, the male as long as, or longer than the leaves, with lax spreading branches which become shorter upwards. *Male flowers* 2 in. long., in small bracteate clusters at the ends of the branchlets; bracteoles broadly ovate, tomentose outside, deciduous. *Calyx* campanulate with 3 broad shallow blunt teeth. *Petals* longer than the calyx, broadly ovate-oblong, concave, tomentose outside and glabrescent within like the calyx. *Stamens* 6, the filaments shorter than the anthers, free, dilated at the base, attached outside the glabrous disc; rudimentary ovary glabrous. *Panicles of female flowers* shorter than the males, but the flowers two or three times as large. *Ovary* globose and glabrous below, grooved and pubescent upwards and tapering into the style.

Stigma large, capitate, 3-grooved. *Ripe drupe* ellipsoidal, tapering to the top, glabrous and shining, 1·75 to 2·25 in. long and 1 to 1·25 in. in diam., the persistent thickened calyx forming an open sub-entire cup at its base.

Penang: Curtis Nos. 803, 862, 2708. Perak: King's collector, No 7885.

17. *CANARIUM SECUNDUM*, Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 532. A tree 30 to 50 feet high; young branches slender, and like the rachises under surfaces of the leaves and inflorescence rusty-tomentose or pubescent. *Leaves* 12 to 18 inches long; leaflets 7 to 9, thinly coriaceous, oblong, shortly caudate-acuminate, minutely serrate-dentate to sub-entire, the base rounded or slightly cuneate, upper surface glabrous except the minutely tomentose midrib; the lower much reticulate; main nerves 10 to 15 pairs, obscure above, bold beneath, curved, spreading; length 3 to 6 in., breadth 1·6 to 2 in.; petiolules of lateral leaflets only ·2 to ·3 in., those of the terminal one twice as long. *Stipules* reniform, densely tomentose outside, ·35 in. long, and about ·5 in. broad. *Panicles* terminal, rather slender, 10 to 18 in. long, and with lateral branches several inches long at the extremities of which the flowers are crowded in little heads; bracts numerous, more or less ovate or oblong, rusty-tomentose, enveloping the buds. *Flowers* sub-sessile. *Calyx* with 3 broad lobes. *Petals* oblong, sub-acute, concave, rusty-tomentose outside, glabrous within. *Stamens* 6, the narrowly oblong anthers longer than the dilated filaments which are inserted outside the disc. *Disc* adherent to the ovoid glabrous rudimentary ovary. *Female flowers* unknown. *Drupe* elongated-ovoid, sub-trigonus, sub-acute, glabrous, about 2 in. long and 1 in. in diam., the pedicel stout and the persistent calyx 3-angled. Engler in DeCand. Monogr. Phanerog. IV., 116. *Canarium*, Wall. Cat. 9046. ? *C. Bennettii*, Engler in DeCand. l. c. 119.

Singapore: Wallich, Hullett, Ridley No. 1812, King's collector No. 345. Malacca: Griffith No. 1141 and 1145, Maingay, No. 300 (Kew Distrib.). Perak: King's collector, Nos. 4330, 6101, 7610 and 10722; Soortechini, No. 2081.

This is allied to *C. rufum*, A. W. Benn., but its leaflets are thinner and the panicles much longer and more slender, with longer branches; and the drupe is much less distinctly trigonus. Dr. Engler has founded his species *C. Bennettii* on Griffith's specimen No. 1141. But on dissection of the flowers of the single specimen of that number in the Calcutta Herbarium, I cannot find that they differ from those of the same collector's No. 1145 which Engler refers to. *C. secundum*, Bennet and I therefore venture to reduce his species to this. The

filaments are slightly conjoined at the base and appear as if joined into a tube, but they are easily separable.

16. *CANARIUM NITIDUM*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fl. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 532. A tree 30 to 50 feet high; young branches at first puberulous, but speedily glabrous. *Leaves* 7 to 12 in. long, glabrous, the rachis slender and the petiolules rather long. *Leaflets* 7 to 9, coriaceous, shining, oblong, shortly acuminate, quite entire, the base rounded or slightly narrowed; main nerves 7 to 9 pairs, spreading, almost horizontal, very faint; length 3·5 to 6·5 in., breadth 1·2 to 1·8 in.; petiolules ¼ to ⅙ in., that of the terminal leaflet 1 to 1·5 in.; stipules deciduous (not seen). *Fruit* in short terminal racemes: the drupes when ripe ovoid, tapering to each end, glabrous, 1·25 to 1·75 in. long, and about 1 in. in diam. Engler in De Cand. Monog. Phaner. IV, 108; Wall Cat. 8546 *in part*.

Singapore: Wallich. Malacca: Griffith 1147; Maingay No. 358, (Kew Distrib). Perak: King's collector, Nos. 4604, 4263, 5658 and 10916.

Male flowers of this are not known. The ripe drupe is much more ovoid than in the majority of the species, and this is the character by which, so far as the material goes (for male flowers of this are unknown) it is most readily distinguished from *C. parvifolium*, Benn. A flowering specimen recently collected in Singapore by Mr. H. M. Ridley (No. 3799) may belong to this. Ripe fruit from the same tree is required to settle the matter.

2. *TRIGONOCHLAMYS*, Hook. f.

A tree with pustulate tomentose-pubescent branches. *Leaves* alternate, imparipinnate, with opposite petiolulate leaflets. *Flowers* polygamous. *Calyx* large, keeled, with 3 large connivent valvate segments. *Petals* 3, valvate, about equalling the calyx. *Disc* annular. *Stamens* 6, inserted on the margin of the disc; filaments very short. *Ovary* 3-celled, nearly globose; style straight, short, stigma 3-lobed; ovules 2 in each cell, axile. *Drupe* obliquely globose, 1-celled, 1-seeded.—A single Malayan species.

1. *TRIGONOCHLAMYS GRIFFITHII*, Hook. fl. in Trans. Linn. Soc. XXIII, 170, t. XXVII. A tree 50 to 100 feet high: young branches rather slender, sparsely lenticellate, rusty-puberulous. *Leaves* 6 to 12 in. long, their rachises minutely tomentose; leaflets 13 to 15, thinly coriaceous, oblong-lanceolate, acuminate, entire, the base rounded or slightly narrowed: upper surface glabrous except the tomentose midrib, pale when dry; the lower sparsely pubescent, pale brown when dry and the 13 to 15 pairs of sub-horizontal main nerves rather prominent:

length 1·5 to 3 in., breadth ·65 to ·1 in. *Panicles* shorter than the leaves, few-flowered, rusty-tomentose; branchlets and pedicels with linear-oblong bracts. *Flowers* polygamous, ·35 in. long. *Calyx* large, keeled, with 3 deep broad triangular connivent rusty-tomentose segments. *Petals* narrowly elliptic, slightly exserted, densely pale tomentose with a glabrous spot on the base inside. *Stamens* 6, inserted by short filaments on the edge of a thin hypogynous annular glabrous disc, very small in the pistillate flowers. *Ovary* depressed sub-globular, glabrous, the style basi-lateral; the stigma depressed, capitate, obscurely 3-lobed. *Drupe* obliquely sub-globose, glabrous, about ·5 in. in diam. Bennet in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 539. *Santiria Griffithii*, Engler in DC. Monog. Phanerog. IV, 155.

Malacca; Griffith, No. 1148; Maingay (Kew distrib.) No. 316. Perak; King's collector Nos. 4625, 1828, 8817.

4. SANTIRIA, Blume.

Resiniferous trees. *Leaves* alternate, 3-foliate or imparipinnate, firm; leaflets opposite, slightly oblique, entire. *Flowers* in uniformly hermaphrodite, axillary or terminal branched panicles; the stipules, (if any) fugacious, bracts usually obsolete, bracteoles minute. *Calyx* cupuliform, 3-lobed or 3-fid, valvate. *Petals* 3, valvate or sub-imbricate, broad and truncate at the base, exceeding the calyx. *Disc* annular, fleshy, adnate. *Stamens* 6, distinct, usually inflexed, inserted on the margin or outside of the disc. *Ovary* 3-celled, with 2 ovules in each cell; style short, stigma capitate or 3-lobed. *Drupe* ellipsoidal or sub-globose, more or less laterally compressed on the ventral side, and the scar of the stigma usually lateral or basal, 1-celled, 1-seeded; the stone crustaceous, rarely woody, *Cotyledons* contortuplicate.—DISTRIB. Malayan Archipelago. Species probably 35.

Panicles longer than the leaves.

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| Panicles and leaves glabrous; leaflets 9 to 20 in. long | ... | ... | ... | 1. <i>S. floribunda</i> . |
| Panicles hispidulous-pubescent; leaflets sparsely hispidulous on the lower surface 4 to 8 in. long flowers on long slender pedicels | ... | ... | ... | 2. <i>S. laxa</i> . |
| Panicles puberulous; leaflets glabrous; leaflets 3 to 9 in. long flowers on short pedicels | ... | ... | ... | 3. <i>S. fasciculata</i> . |

Panicles shorter than the leaves.

Panicles solitary, axillary or terminal,
with rather long peduncles.

Branches of the panicles few, lax,
slender, very long and bearing the
flowers on short distant cymules ... 4. *S. puberula*.

Branches of the panicle numerous,
stout, divaricate; the flowers in
corymbose cymes towards their
apices.

Flowers .2 to .25 in. long; ripe
fruit more than 1 in. long ... 5. *S. macrocarpa*.

Flowers .1 in. long or less: ripe
fruit .6 to .7 in. long.

Flower-buds conical ... 6. *S. laevigata*.

Flower-buds globular ... 7. *S. oblongifolia*.

Panicles sessile, branching from the base,
sometimes more than one from a leaf-
axil.

Leaflets quite glabrous.

Scar of stigma terminal in the
ripe fruit; leaflets narrowly ob-
long, their main nerves 12 to
14 pairs ... 8. *S. longifolia*.

Scar of stigma of ripe fruit ap-
proximated to its base.

Leaflets oblong to elliptic-
oblong; nerves 10 to 15
pairs ... 9. *S. Wrayi*.

Leaflets elliptic-oblong to
ovate; nerves about 8 pairs
or fewer ... 10. *S. apiculata*.

Leaflets more or less hairy beneath.

Leaflets quite glabrous on the up-
per surface.

Lower surface of leaflets
boldly reticulate and rusty-
pubescent ... 11. *S. costata*.

Lower surface not conspicu-
ously reticulate, rusty-
puberulous when young;
main nerves about 10 pairs 12. *S. conferta*.

Leaflets glabrescent on the upper
surface, the midrib tomentose ;
lower surface densely rusty-
tomentose ; main nerves 15 to
20 pairs 13. *S. multiflora*.

1. *SANTIRIA FLORIBUNDA*, King n. sp. A tree 20 to 30 feet high : young branches stout, scurfy, rusty-pubescent. *Leaves* 2 or 3 feet long, the rachises flattened and channelled on the upper surface below the lowest leaflets, auricled at the very base, puberulous at first but speedily glabrous, *Leaflets* 13 to 15 or 17, coriaceous, oblong, shortly acuminate ; the base rounded, slightly unequal ; glabrous on both surfaces, the midrib alone sometimes puberulous on the lower, reticulations minute ; main nerves 20 to 30 pairs, spreading, curving at the tips, interarching but slightly ; length 9 to 20 in., breadth 2·35 to 5 in. ; petiolules very stout, 5 to 7 in. long. *Panicles* 2 to 3 feet long, slender, much branched, striate, glabrous, bearing numerous scattered horizontal short branchlets ·5 to 1·5 in. long which bear two or three 3- to 5-flowered cymules. *Flowers* 1 in. long ; their pedicels longer, unequal, slender, puberulous, with a few subulate bracteoles at the base. *Calyx* flat, 3-angled, glabrescent. *Petals* erect, deltoid, fleshy, concave, keeled along the middle, glabrous outside. *Stamens* 6, the filaments shorter than the oblong anthers, slightly dilated below, inserted on the outer surface of the edge of the thick fleshy cupular disc. *Ovary* small. *Style* short, stout, 3-angled like the stigma. *Ripe drupes* elliptic, apiculate, glabrous, ·8 in. long and ·5 in. in diam ; the peduncles slender, ·5 to ·75 in. long ; stigmatic scar terminal.

Perak : King's collector, Nos. 7510, 7632 and 10151.

There are in the Calcutta Herbarium flowering specimens of a species closely allied to this ; but in the absence of fruit I hesitate to describe it.

2. *SANTIRIA LAXA*, King. A tree 50 to 70 feet high : young branches, rachises of the leaves, and the inflorescence densely clothed with rusty, hispidulous, spreading and mostly deciduous hairs. *Leaves* 14 to 22 in. long, the stipules (if any) deciduous. *Leaflets* 7 to 9, oblong to oblong-elliptic, sometimes slightly obovate, shortly and abruptly acuminate, the edges entire, the base often unequal-sided, cuneate : length 5 to 8 in., breadth 1·75 to 2·5 in., petiolule ·4 or ·5 in. ; both surfaces reticulate, the upper glabrous, the lower sparsely hispidulous especially on the midrib and nerves : main nerves 12 to 14 pairs, slightly prominent on the lower surface, spreading, curving, interarching near the edge. *Panicles* usually much longer than the leaves, terminal, their branches short, lax, rather few-flowered, the ultimate branchlets gla-

brous, the larger hispidulous-pubescent. *Flowers* .3 in. in diam., glabrous, shorter than the slender minutely bracteolate pedicels. *Calyx* with 3 broad, spreading, very blunt teeth, much shorter than the corolla. *Petals* 3, thick, slightly keeled on the back, ovate, obtuse. *Stamens* 6, free, about as long as the petals, inserted on the outer margin of the 6-lobed, glabrous, cushion-like disc; anthers ovate, about as long as the thick rather flattened filaments: rudimentary ovary submerged in the disc, small, sub-cylindric, glabrous as is the thick fluted style; stigma 3-lobed. *Female flowers* unknown. *Ripe drupes* narrowly ellipsoid, trigonous, one side wider and flatter than the other two, glabrous, 1 to 1.4 in. long and .6 to .7 in. in diam; stone thin. *Canarium laxum*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. B2. Ind. I. 535; Engler in DeCand. Monog. Phanerog. IV, 139.

Malacca; Maingay (Kew Distrib.,) No. 366. Perak: King's collector, Nos. 3192 and 3516. Penang: Curtis No. 1431. Pahang; Ridley No. 2451.

The drupes of this have the remains of the stigma terminal, and in this respect they agree technically with the diagnosis of *Canarium*. But they are not equally 3-sided as in that genus, one side being wider and more rounded than the other two. The structure of the flower is not at all that of *Canarium*, and I therefore transfer the species to *Santiria*.

3. *SANTIRIA FASCICULATA*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 539. A tree 40 to 50 feet high: young branches at first rusty-pubescent, becoming glabrous, the bark pale cinereous. *Leaves* 10 to 15 in., the rachis terete, at first puberulous, afterwards glabrescent, slightly flattened on the upper surface near the base. *Leaflets* 5 to 7, membranous, elliptic to elliptic-oblong, more or less caudate-acuminate, the base cuneate, both surfaces glabrous; main nerves 7 or 8 pairs, spreading, much curved, interarching, bold and prominent on the lower, inconspicuous on the upper surface; length 4.5 to 9 in., breadth 2 to 3 in.; petiolules .75 to 1 in., much thickened at each end, the terminal one much longer. *Panicles* slender, puberulous, terminal, as long as or longer than the leaves, with few long, narrow, angular, lax branches bearing at intervals short 6- to 10-flowered cymes. *Flowers* .05 in. long; the pedicels unequal, tomentose, bracteolate. *Calyx* cupular, hispid-tomentose outside with 3 bold, deltoid, acute teeth. *Petals* imbricate, slightly longer than the calyx, deltoid, glabrescent. *Stamens* 6, filaments about as long as the broadly ovate anthers and inserted outside the edge of the ring-like glabrous disc. *Ovary* ovoid, glabrous. *Ripe drupes* narrowly and obliquely ovoid, flattened on one side, slightly gibbous at the base, glabrous, the scar of the stigma terminal, .8 in.

long and .6 in. in diam. Engler in DeCand. Monogr. Phanerog. IV, 164.

Malacca: Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 307. Penang; Curtis No. 1544. Perak: King's collector, Nos. 3123, 3319, 3716, 3500, 6610; Scortechini No. 1988.

4. *SANTIRIA PUBERULA*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 537. A tree 30 to 50 feet high: young branches slender, pale gray, at first puberulous afterwards glabrous. *Leaves* 8 to 10 in. long, the rachises glabrescent or glabrous, terete, flattened on the upper surface just above the base. *Leaflets* 5 rarely 7, thinly coriaceous, elliptic to oblong, acute or shortly acuminate, the base slightly cuneate; upper surface quite glabrous; the lower minutely puberulous, reticulate, the 9 to 11 pairs of spreading, curving, interarching nerves prominent: length 4 to 6 in., breadth 1.5 to 2.5 in.; petiolules .4 to .6 in. long, the terminal one 1 to 1.75 in., all swollen at the upper end. *Panicles* terminal or axillary, shorter than the leaves, minutely tomentose, with a few lax spreading branches bearing rather distant, 5- to 8-flowered, sub-sessile cymules. *Flowers* about .05 in. long, the pedicels about as long, unequal, stout, tomentose. *Calyx* cupular; with 3, deltoid, acute teeth, tomentose outside. *Petals* valvate, ovate-rotund, concave, with a slight inflected point at the apex, glabrous, much longer than the calyx. *Stamens* 6; filaments longer than the ovate anthers, inserted on the edge of the crenulate fleshy disc: ovary ovoid, glabrous. *Ripe drupes* narrowly ellipsoid, straight on one side, curved on the other, obscurely 3- or 4-angled, glabrous, the scar of the stigma terminal; length .75 in., diam. .35 in. Engler in DC. Mon. Phan. IV, 161.

Perak: Wray, No. 3210: King's collector, No. 3438, 3529, 6832.

This comes very near to *S. fasciculata*, A. W. Benn., and I much doubt its being really distinct from that species.

5. *SANTIRIA MACROCARPA*, King n. sp. A glabrous tree, 40 to 70 feet high: young branches with brown lenticellate bark. *Leaves* 5 to 9 in. long, the rachis slightly flattened on the upper surface near the base. *Leaflets* thinly coriaceous, oblong-elliptic to obovate or sub-rotund, very shortly and bluntly apiculate; the base cuneate, rarely rounded; main nerves 7 or 8 pairs, spreading, slightly curved, interarching boldly, slightly depressed on the upper surface (when dry) and sub-prominent on the lower; length 3 to 4.75 in., breadth 2 to 2.75 in.; petiolules .35 to .5 in., the terminal one 1 in. or more. *Panicles* axillary, solitary, shorter than the leaves, with distant lateral branchlets .5 to 1 in. long and bearing at their apices 2- to 6-flowered bracteolate cymules. *Flowers* .2 to .25 in. long. *Calyx* thick, deeply cupular or sub-campanulate, with 3 bold triangular lobes, glabrescent. *Petals* twice as long as the calyx, fleshy,

glabrous, broadly oblong, very concave, the apex much thickened and deeply inflexed and the sides partly inflexed to form a kind of hood. *Stamens* 6; the filaments much shorter than the oblong anthers, lanceolate, dilated at the base and inserted outside the quadrate lobes of the thin ring-like disc. *Ovary* ovoid-globose, glabrous, tapering into the short thick style: stigma discoid. *Ripe drupes* obliquely ovoid, flattened on one side, glabrous, 1.25 to 1.5 in. long, and about .75 in. in diam; peduncle slender, .5 to 1 in. long, scar of stigma terminal.

Perak: King's collector, Nos. 5304, 5580 and 7298.

6. *SANTIRIA LAEVIGATA*, Blume Mus. Bot. I, 211. A tree 50 to 100 feet high: young branches dark-coloured, lenticellate, glabrous. *Leaves* 9 to 17 in. long, glabrous: the rachises flattened below the lowest leaflet and channelled at the base. *Leaflets* coriaceous, elliptic-oblong to oblong, shortly acuminate; the base usually rounded or sub-cordate, but sometimes narrowed and sub-oblique: both surfaces reticulate, the lower brown when dry: main nerves 11 to 17 pairs, sub-horizontal, slightly prominent on the lower surface; length 4.5 to 9 in., breadth 1.5 to 2.8 in., petiolules about .5 in. *Panicles* shorter than the leaves, axillary or slightly supra-axillary, solitary, 6 to 8 in. long (including the rather long peduncles), spreading; the branches ascending, puberulous near the apices where the flowers are crowded in conical ebracteolate cymes. *Flowers* less than .1 in. long, shorter than the pedicels. *Calyx* cupular, the mouth almost entire or waved, minutely tomentose outside. *Petals* deltoid-rotund, the apex inflexed, valvate, glabrous. *Stamens* 6; anthers ovate, about as long as the filaments which are inserted by dilated bases outside the ring-like disc: rudimentary ovary small, ovoid. *Female flowers* not seen. *Ripe drupes* .6 in. long, glabrous, broadly ovoid, blunt, flattened on one side, the remains of the stigma near the apex of the flattened side, peduncle .5 in. long. A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 538; Engler in DeCand. Monog. Phanerog IV, 165. *Canarium laevigatum*, Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat., Vol. I, Pt. 2, p. 648. *Canarium altissimum*, Herb. Korth.

Malacca; Griffith No. 1149, Maingay. Perak; King's collector, Nos. 4438, 5441, 5839 and 7961; Scortechini.—DISTRIB. Sumatra.

The leaves of this vary a good deal as to the number of the main nerves and as to the shape of the base, some having broad and even sub-cordate while others have cuneate bases.

7. *SANTIRIA OBLONGIFOLIA*, Blume in Mus. Bot. Lugd. Bat. I, 211. A tree 50 to 80 feet high: young branches pale, lenticellate, at first scurfy, afterwards glabrous. *Leaves* 12 to 18 in. long; their rachises terete, not winged at the base but slightly flattened, glabrous, the stipules (if any) deciduous. *Leaflets* 7 to 9 in., thinly coriaceous, oblong,
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occasionally ovate-oblong or ovate, slightly unequilateral especially at the base; the apex very shortly abruptly and bluntly acuminate, edges entire; base in the oblong forms sub-cuneate, in the ovate forms broad and rounded; upper surfaces glabrous and reticulate, olivaceous when dry; the lower pale brown when dry, very minutely lepidote; main nerves 10 to 13 pairs (in the ovate forms only 7 or 8 pairs), spreading, interarching near the edge; length 4 to 6 in., the ovate forms shorter; breadth 1·75 to 2·25 in.; petiolules ·5 to ·7 in., the terminal one 1·5 in. *Panicles* axillary or terminal, shorter than the leaves, pale scurfy when young, divaricate, cymose, spreading, the flowers crowded near the extremities of the branches, ebracteolate. *Buds* ·1 in. in diam., sub-globular, about as long as the clavate pedicels. *Calyx* campanulate, deeply cut into 3, rotund, deltoid, sub-concave teeth, scurfy outside. *Petals* sub-rotund with a truncate base, slightly concave, longer than the calyx, puberulous outside, glabrous inside. *Stamens* 6. *Anthers* oblong, about as long as the filaments: the latter flattened, narrow, inserted outside the glabrous, thin, fleshy, lobed disc. *Ripe drupes* ovoid, ellipsoid or globose, flattened on one side, oblique, obscurely 3-gonous, glabrous, ·7 in. long, and ·5 in. in diam., the scar of the stigma at the apex of the flattened side. Engler in DeCand. Monog. Phanerog. IV, 162. *Santiria Maingayi*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 538: Engler l. c. IV, 165. *Canarium oblongifolium*, Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat. I, Pt. 2, p. 645. *Canarium eupteron*, Miq. Fl. Ind. Bat., Vol. I, Pt. 2, p. 648.

Malacca, (Kew Distrib.) No. 310. Perak: a common tree, King's collector.—DISTRIB. Sumatra, Java, Borneo.

Blume's original description (drawn up from specimens from Java and Sumatra) suits this plant well. An authentic specimen of Miquel's *Canarium eupteron* shows that that species must be reduced here, as must Bennet's *Santiria Maingayi* of which Maingay's specimen No. 310 (Kew Distrib.) is the type. *Canarium sub-repandum*, Miq. is, according to its author, closely allied to *C. eupteron*, Miq. and should probably also be reduced to this.

8. *SANTIRIA LONGIFOLIA*, King n. sp. A tree 10 to 20 feet high: young branches very stout, (·5 to ·75 in. in diam.), their bark brown, glabrous, lenticellate. *Leaves* 2 to 3 feet long, glabrous; the rachises stout, flattened below the lowest leaflets, not winged at the bases. *Leaflets* 11 to 15 pairs, narrowly oblong, gradually tapering to the acuminate apex, the base oblique or rounded; main nerves 12 to 14 pairs, spreading, curved, not prominent: length 9 to 11 in., breadth 1·75 to 2·5 in.; petiolules ·65 to 1 in., stout, enlarged at each end. *Flowers* unknown. *Fruiting panicles* much shorter than the leaves, one or two in the axil of a leaf, unequal, only 4 to 7 in. long, glabrous, the branches short.

Ripe drupes ovoid, flattened on one side, the scar of the stigma terminal, glabrous, 1 in. long. and .65 in. in diam.

Perak: King's collector, Nos. 3594, 6838.

This is so unlike any described species of *Santiria* that, in spite of the absence of flowers on the only specimens I have seen, I have ventured to name it. The small size of the tree and the large size of its leaves make it easy of recognition in the genus.

9. *SANTIRIA WRAYI*, King n. sp. A tree 20 to 30 feet high: young branches very thick, (.75 to 1 in. in diam.) Leaves 12 to 30 in. long; the rachises trigonous, channelled in the lower part and almost winged at the base, puberulous. *Leaflets* 13 to 15, membranous, oblong to elliptic-oblong, very shortly and bluntly acuminate; the base rounded, slightly oblique; upper surface shining, olivaceous when dry, the lower pale brown, both glabrous and reticulate; main nerves 10 to 15 pairs, spreading, curving, slightly prominent beneath, length 6 to 11 in., breadth 2.5 to 4 in.; petiolules thickened at both ends, .5 to 1 in., the terminal one more than twice as long. *Panicles* 3 or 4 in. long, several densely crowded in the axils of one leaf, bracteolate, puberulous or glabrescent below, the ultimate branches scurfy rufous-puberulous. *Flowers* .1 or .15 in. long, shorter than the pedicels. *Calyx* cupular, the mouth with 3, broad, shallow teeth, glabrous, with a few hairs near the edge. *Petals* valvate, rotund, glabrous, rather fleshy. *Stamens* 6; the anthers ovate, longer than the flattened filaments which are inserted on the outside of the edge of the ring-like, fleshy, glabrous, corrugated disc. *Rudimentary ovary* small, ovoid. *Female flowers* unknown. *Ripe drupes* obliquely ovoid, slightly compressed, blunt at each end, .6 to .75 in. long, glabrous, the scar of the stigma approximated to the peduncle, peduncle .5 in. long.

Perak: Wray, Nos. 1423, 2970; King's collector, No. 3689; Scortechini No. 2095.

Allied to *S. conferta*, but with larger leaves and fruit, much less hairy panicles, and perfectly glabrous leaves.

10. *SANTIRIA APICULATA*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 537. A tree 20 to 50 feet high: young branches with pale bark, puberulous. Leaves 6 to 8 in. long, stipules (if any) deciduous. *Leaflets* membranous, oblong, elliptic-oblong to ovate, more or less bluntly acuminate, the base rounded or cuneate, glabrous on both surfaces and reticulate especially on the lower; main nerves rather irregular, about 8 pairs, ascending, curved, slightly prominent beneath, length 3.5 to 5.5 in., breadth 1.75 to 2.25 in.; petiolules .4 to .6 in., the terminal longer. *Panicles* axillary, slender, shorter than the leaves, more or less pyramidal, glabrous, the flowers small and crowded near the puberulous

apices, bracteoles minute. *Flowers* .1 in. or less in diam., their pedicels twice as long. *Calyx* cupular with 3 broad, shallow, blunt teeth, nearly glabrous. *Petals* rotund, glabrous. *Stamens* 6, inflexed; anthers ovate, about as long as the flattened filaments which are inserted by their slightly dilated bases outside the glabrous fleshy lobed and corrugated disc. *Rudimentary ovary* ovoid, sunk in the disc, pubescent; style very short; stigma 3-lobed, small, terminal. *Female flowers* in panicles like the males, the stamens with broader filaments: ovary broadly ovoid, pubescent, style very short: stigma large, discoid, cupulate, terminal. *Ripe drupes* ovoid-globose, .5 in. long, glabrous, the scar of the stigma near the base, the pericarp thinly coriaceous. Engler in DeCand. Monogr. Phanerog. IV, 163.

Malacca: Maingay, Nos. 303, 308, 314 (Kew Distrib.) Perak: Scortechini 1701: King's collector;—DISTRIB.; Sumatra.

The fruit is remarkable for the close approximation of the remains of the stigma to the peduncle. The venation of the leaves is variable: in many specimens the main nerves bifurcate about half way between the midrib and the edge of the leaf, while in others there is no bifurcation at all.

11. *SANTIRIA COSTATA*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 537. A tree: young branches with gray bark, rusty-puberulous at first, ultimately glabrous. *Leaves* 6 to 9 in. long: stipules (if any) deciduous; the rachises broadly channelled above in the lower part, but not winged at the base. *Leaflets* coriaceous, oblong-lanceolate to elliptic, shortly and bluntly acuminate, the base acute or rounded: upper surface quite glabrous and shining, the midrib prominent on both surfaces; lower surface boldly reticulate and with a few scattered hairs; the 9 to 11 pairs of main nerves spreading, curving, very prominent, rusty-pubescent; length 3.5 to 4.5 in., breadth 1.25 to 2 in.; petiolules .35 to .5 in., thickened at both ends. *Panicles* solitary, much shorter than the leaves, (only about 3 in. long) few-branched, rusty-tomentose, deciduously bracteolate. *Flowers* .1 in. long, in small fascicles at the ends of the branchlets; the slender pedicels about as long or longer. *Calyx* cupular, truncate, dentate, glabrescent. *Petals* much longer than the calyx, broadly ovate, blunt, concave, nearly glabrous. *Stamens* 6; the filaments about as long as the anthers, slender and inserted beneath the margin of the outside of the small ring-like disc. *Ripe drupes* narrowly ovoid, slightly flattened on one side, .75 in. long and .5 in. in diam., the scar of the stigma apical. Engler in DeCandolle Monogr. Phanerog. IV, 157.

Malacca: Maingay (Kew Distrib.) No. 313. Perak: King's collector, No. 7597.

The short rusty-tomentose panicles, and almost glabrous flowers on slender pedicels distinguish this from *S. fasciculata*, to which it is closely allied. The leaves also give diagnostic marks, those of this species having more nerves and being pubescent beneath.

12. *SANTIRIA CONFERTA*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 537. A tree: young shoots rather stout (.35 in. in diam.), rusty-puberulous, afterwards glabrous and striate. Leaves 12 to 18 in. long; stipules (if any) deciduous, the rachis rufous-puberulous when young. Leaflets coriaceous, 9 to 13, oblong to oblong-lanceolate, gradually tapering to the acuminate apex, the base rounded: upper surface glabrous, shining, minutely reticulate, olivaceous when dry; the lower brown when dry, minutely rusty-puberulous when young; main nerves about 10 pairs, spreading, curving, slightly prominent on the lower surface: length 3.5 to 6 in., breadth 1.6 to 2 in., petioles .6 to .7 in. Panicles 3 to 4 in. long, several from an axil and much shorter than the leaves, rufous-pubescent, densely crowded, bracteoles minute; pedicels slightly shorter than the flowers. Flowers .1 to .15 in. long. Calyx cupular, with 3 shallow broad teeth, rusty-tomentose outside. Petals imbricate, rotund, concave, puberulous. Stamens 6, inflexed, the anthers ovate, about as long as the flat filaments which are inserted on the edge of the fleshy ring-like disc; rudimentary ovary small, glabrous, ovoid. Female flowers not seen. Ripe drupes obliquely ovoid, dark-coloured, glabrous, rather less than .5 in. long, the scar of the stigma near the base, pericarp stoutly coriaceous. Engler in De Candolle Monogr. Phanerog. IV, 160.

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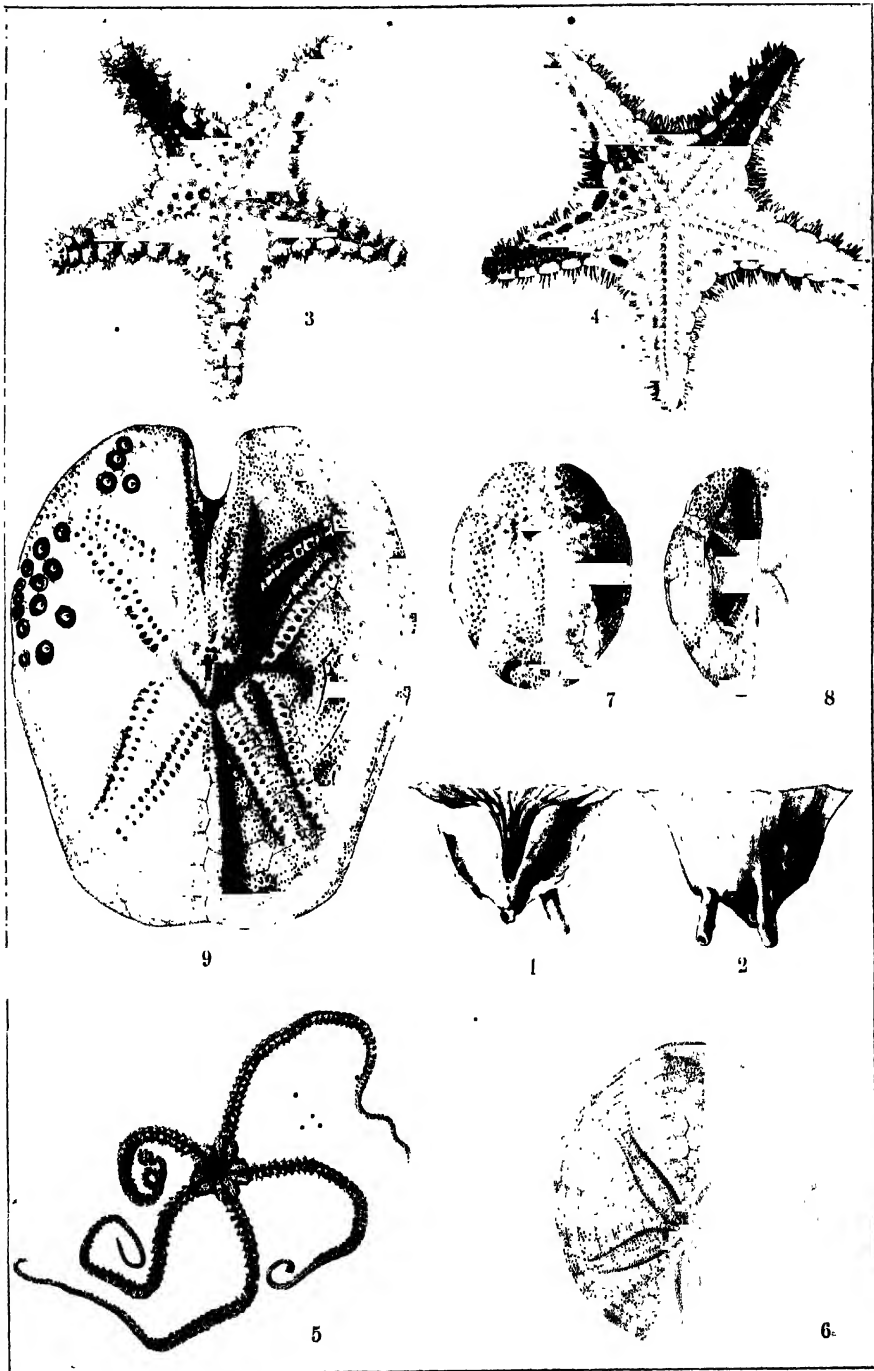
This is readily distinguished by its crowded condensed rufous-tomentose panicles and small glabrous fruit.

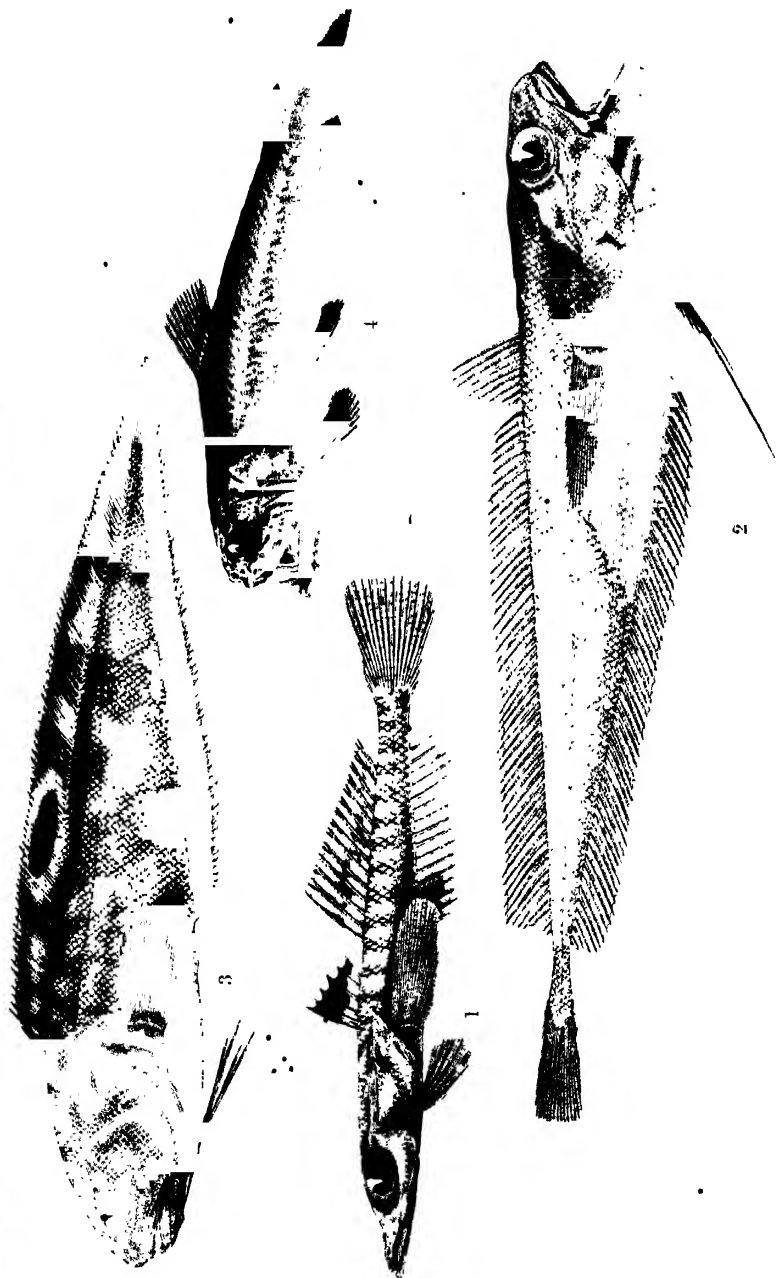
13. *SANTIRIA MULTIFLORA*, A. W. Benn. in Hook. fil. Fl. Br. Ind. I, 538. A tree, 60 to 100 feet high: young branches rather stout (.35 to .5 in. in diam.), densely and minutely rusty-tomentose like the rachises and under surfaces of the leaves and the inflorescence. Leaves 9 to 15 in. long; the rachises terete in the upper part, but channelled near the base. Leaflets 5 to 7, coriaceous, oblong or elliptic-oblong, tapering slightly to the shortly acuminate apex; the base cuneate or obliquely rounded; upper surface glabrescent except the tomentose midrib and 15 to 20 pairs of sub-horizontal main nerves which are bold and prominent on the lower surface; length 4.5 to 10 in., breadth 2 to 3 in., petioles .4 to .5 in. Panicles axillary or terminal, solitary, shorter than the leaves, ebracteolate, (? bracteoles caducous) spreading. Flowers crowded at the extremities, .1 in. long, slightly longer than their tomentose pedicels. Calyx a shallow cup, the mouth almost entire or with 3 shallow wavy teeth, tomentose outside. Petals much longer than the

calyx, slightly imbricate, thick, broadly ovate, obtuse, with short slightly inflexed apical appendix, glabrous. *Stamens* 6, the ovate anthers about as long as the thick flattish filaments which are inserted on the edge of the thick fleshy ring-like disc: *rudimentary ovary* ovoid, minute. *Female flowers* not seen. *Ripe drupes* ovoid-globose, flattened on one side, .75 in. long, glabrous, the scar of the stigma below the apex of the flattened side. Engler in DeCand. Monogr. Phanerog. IV, 160.

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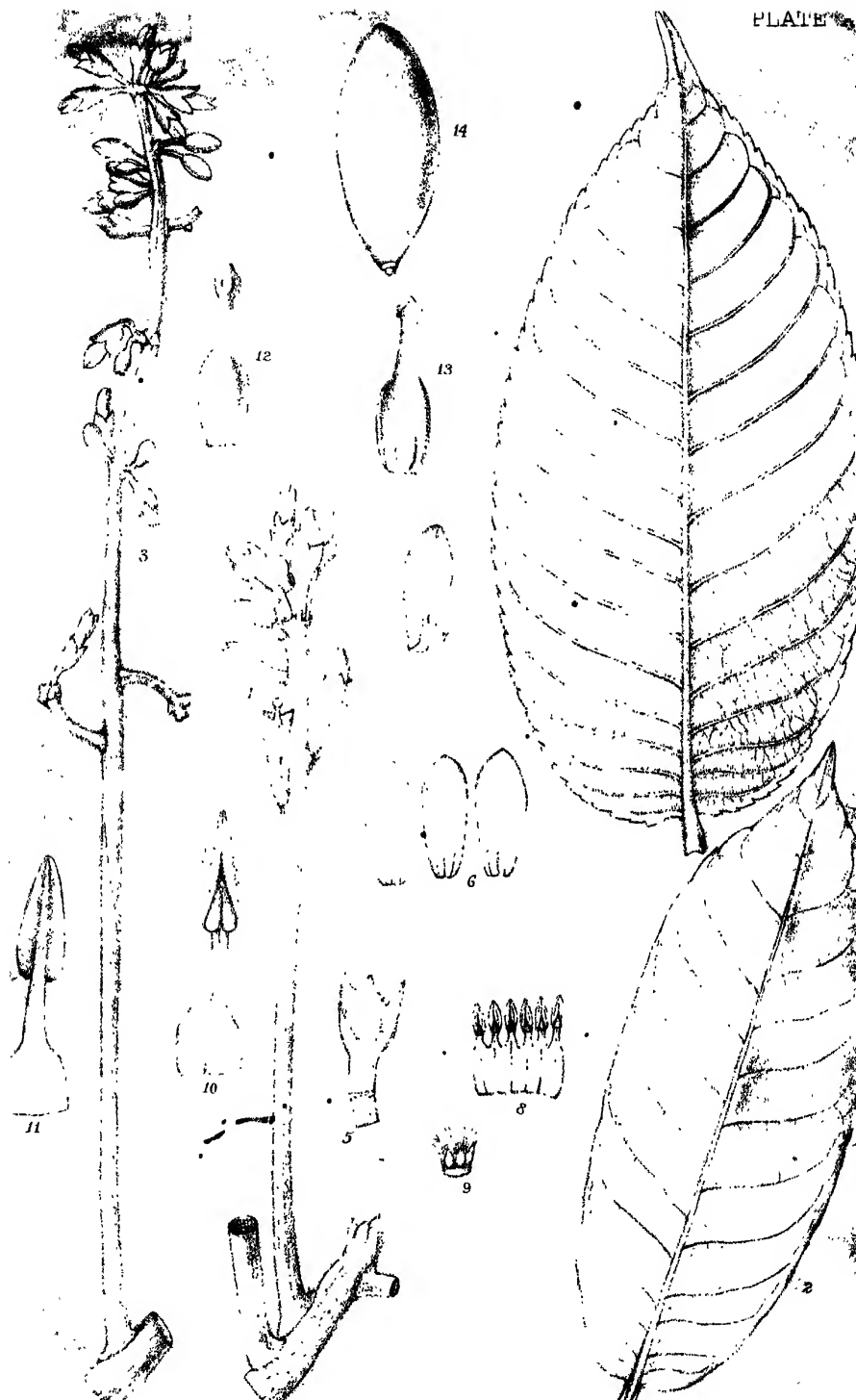
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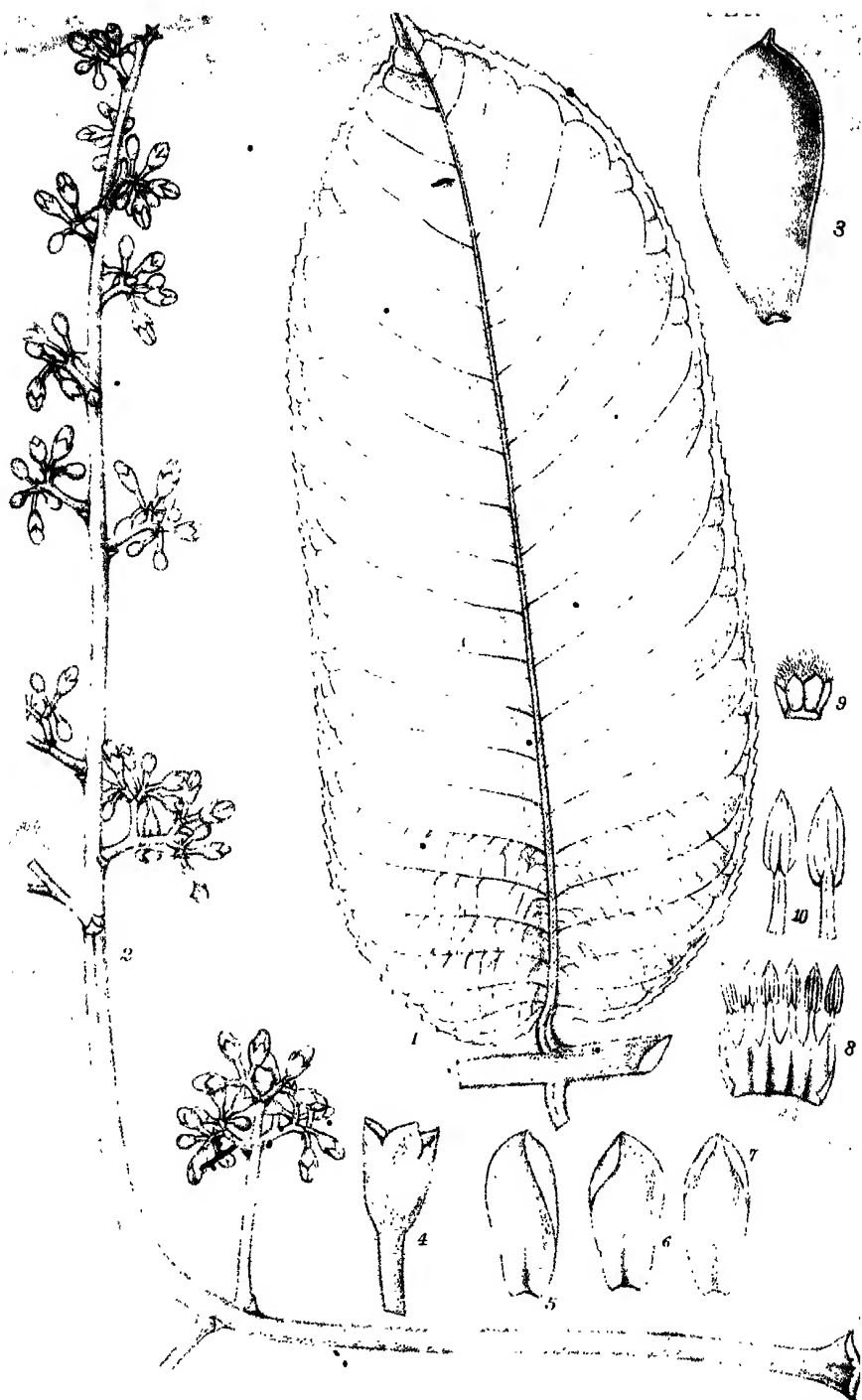




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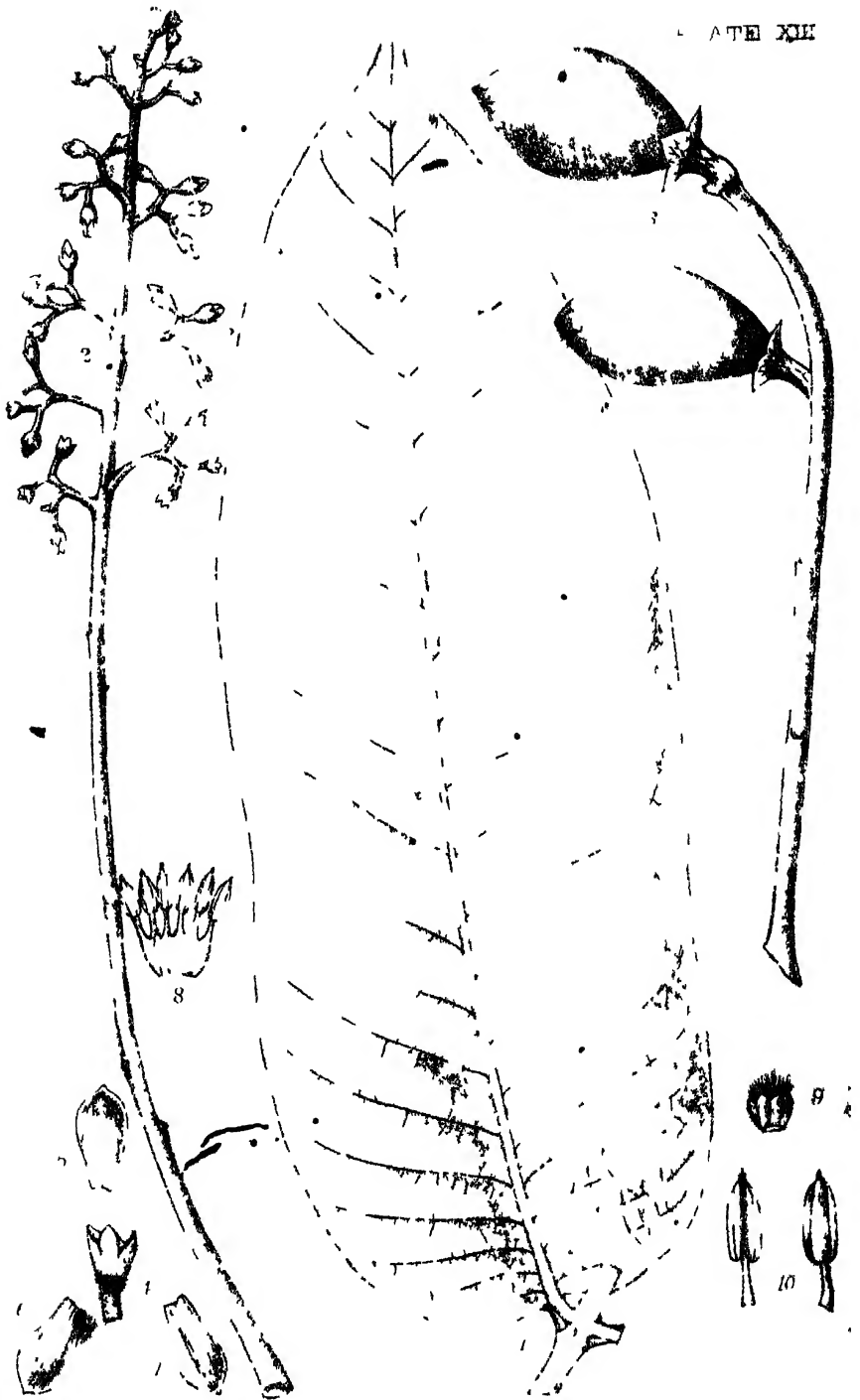




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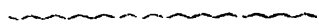
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*The Hindus of Eastern Bengal.—From the papers of the late Dr.
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The Hindus of Bengal claim to be pure Aryans, but the Hindus of Upper India repudiate any relationship with them. The Aryan immigration extended gradually throughout Bengal, and the tie which bound the settlers to their faith and peculiar usages was relaxed by residence among aliens. The example of races untrammelled by caste or religious scruples also led them to shake off all bonds and assert greater freedom of action. The priesthood formed illegal connections and neglected their religious duties, while the mixed offspring observed none of the Bráhmámanical ordinances. In the tenth century corruption and irreligion being universal, Adisúra introduced priests, trained in the orthodox school of Kanauj, to reform and educate the people. But the arrival of a small body of religious teachers did little towards elevating the Bráhmáman, or laity, and in the twelfth century Ballál Sen found only nineteen families of the Ráráhí Bráhmáman living in strict obedience to all that their religion demanded. These families were raised to the highest rank, but those who had forfeited all respect and formed illegal marriages were reduced to secondary, or even lower grades. The innovations made by this monarch only affected the Ráráhí and Varendra

Śreṇi, or orders, for the Vaidika and Bhat, refusing to be classified by a Vaidyá, retired into the hill countries of Sylhet and Orissa; and the other tribes, who had become hopelessly demoralised, were left untouched.

The chief object of the reform organised by Ballál Sen was the creation of an aristocratic and powerful hierarchy, placed in such a position of dignity, that no misdemeanour and no immorality could deprive it of hereditary privileges, or the reverence of the lower classes. An illegal marriage was the only transgression entailing loss of rank and forfeiture of respect. No provision was made in this new code for the elevation of the lower ranks when families became extinct; consequently, as Kulín houses disappeared, the difficulty of procuring husbands for daughters vastly increased, and when the third recognition of the order was made by Deví Vara, in the fourteenth century, polygamy and the buying and selling of wives was the engrossing occupation of the twice-born Bráhmans.

In spite of these successive endeavours for securing the purity of the Bengali Bráhmans, it is remarkable that Kanaujiya, and other Bráhmanical tribes of Hindustan, have always despised and repudiated any connection with their Bengali brethren. In their religious and domestic ceremonies, habits of life, and mode of living, Bengali Bráhmans are quite distinct from any of the other tribes, and the only point of attachment between them is when outcast Kanaujiyas marry Śrotriya maidens and become absorbed into their ranks. Although clinging with characteristic pertinacity to all the prerogatives of their order, modern ideas are gradually undermining their bulwarks, and the exclusive rules are step by step yielding to education and the progress of the nation. Kulín Bráhmans are now found adorning the bench, the bar, and the medical profession, and, while proving useful members of society, exert a rare influence for good over their Hindu countrymen.

Besides the Rárhí and Varendra tribes, there were in Bengal four inferior classes of Bráhmans left out of the organisation of Ballál Sen, namely, the Vaidika, Sapta-ṣati, Achárya, and Agradána. The three first claim to have been resident in Bengal before the reign of that monarch, and the services of all the four are still required by the Rárhí Śreṇi at many important ceremonies. The Vaidika is the only division that has preserved an honourable position; but whether this is owing to their being descendants of Kanaujiya Bráhmans, to the respectability and decency of their lives, or to their independence of character, is very doubtful. They decline to give their daughters in marriage to the Kulín Bráhmans of Bikarampúr, and refuse to act for any clean Śúdra, or Bráhman, unless his family can trace their origin to Kanauj. The

Sapta-ṣati, undoubtedly one of the oldest Bengali septs, is gradually being absorbed by the *Śrotriya*, and few confess they belong to it. In a few years they will be sought for in vain. The *Āchārya* and *Agradāna* are *Brāhmins* only in name. The former are chiefly employed in secular occupations, and in discharging duties useful, but unknown, to the *Vedas* or *Purāṇas*. The *Agradāna*, claiming to rank above *Āchārya*, is the most despised of the sacred order, and clean *Śūdras*, as well as *Patit Brāhmins*, would be degraded by eating with them.

The *Patit Brāhmins* are the most active representatives of the Hindu hierarchy, having fallen from their high estate by neglecting religious duties, officiating in *Śūdra* temples, marrying into inferior grades, or acting as *Purohīts* to the *Varṇa Śankara*.¹ The loss of rank has in some respects been mitigated by the affection and devotion of the laity, and by the high social position given by the caste for which they officiate. It is to this class, abandoned by the *Kulins*, that India owes the spread of the Hindu religion among the wild tribes of the *Tarāi*, *Assam*, and *Eastern Bengal*, and the conversion of the semi-Hinduised aborigines throughout Bengal. Bad and immoral many of these *Śūdra Brāhmins* are, but as a class their lives are not one long course of depravity and selfish indulgence, as is too often the case with the *Kulins*. Education has made no progress among them, and holding the position they do, concession to the wants of the age is not to be expected. Their hold over the men is slowly loosening, but the women still obey and worship them, and while this subjection lasts, Hindu caste and Hindu exclusiveness will remain.

Though not recognised in books, many social grades are found among these fallen *Brāhmins*. Those ministering to the *Nava-śākha*,² popularly called *Śūdra Brāhmins*, occupy a position of comparative distinction; but at the bottom of the scale *Brāhmins* appear, who are accounted lower than the vile caste they serve; while such an individual as the *Chañḍal*, or *Dôm Brāhman* scarcely deserves to be called by that proud title.

The *Vaiśya* caste, standing next the sacred order, occupies a very anomalous and strange position. Their claim to be genuine *Vaiśyas* is admitted by the higher classes, but the *Ballāl Vaidya* and *Kāyath* refuse to touch food prepared by them. This small caste deny that *Ballāl Sen* reorganised or interfered in any way with their regulations, and for this reason it remains isolated and unrecognised by Hindus.

The two next castes are the *Vaidya* and *Kāyath*, who repudiate the name of *Śūdra*, and maintain that *Ballāl Sen* did not enroll them

¹ Literally, mixture of colours: hence mixture of castes.

² Or *Nava-Śayāka*, the nine inferior castes.

among the "Nava-Śákha." Both are satisfied to rest their title of superiority on the fabulous births of their reputed ancestors. Ballál Sen belonged to the Vaidya caste, and it is to his partiality that it secured pre-eminence. On one section the Bráhmancial cord was bestowed, although the caste profession was a dishonourable one, and Ghaṭaks were engaged to preserve the family purity. There has always existed much latent jealousy between the Vaidya and Káyath, but the latter acknowledge some inferiority, although the cause of this difference is never defined.

The Káyath is undoubtedly one of the oldest tribes in Bengal, but it is unnecessary to believe all that is said of Kdisúra and the five servants of the five Kanaujiya Bráhmans. One branch, the Bangaja,¹ has been settled for many generations at Idilpúr, along with the caste Ghaṭaks, and Kulín Káyath families are as punctilious and as vain of their birth as any Gánguli, or Mukharji, although the Lálás of Mathurá and Agra laugh at such pretensions, and will not recognise them as Káyaths at all.

The Kovala, or pure Śúdra, does not exist in Bengal. All castes below the Bráhmaṇ belong to the "Varṇa Śankara," being the offspring of parents of different tribes.

The recognised authorities on castes are the Institutes of Mann, the Jāti Nirṇaya chapter of the Brahma-Vaivartta Purāṇa,² and the Játimálá. According to the Bráhmans it was the wickedness of Vepa, the Rájarshi, who ordered that no worship should be performed, no oblations offered, and no gifts bestowed on Bráhmans, and caused the people to disobey the laws and intermarry with prohibited classes. Until his era Bráhmans only married Bráhmans, Śúdras, women of their own rank, and Chaṇḍáls followed their own tribal customs. It was natural for the priests to attribute the irreligious propensities of the people to a cause like this; but there is no doubt that laws prescribed by the Bráhmans for maintaining the purity of their order must have been soon violated by those in whose favour they were enacted. Although marriages between individuals of different tribes gave origin to the Varṇa-Śankara, or mixed castes, the Purāṇas give other explanations. According to the Brahma-Vaivartta Purāṇa, the gardener, blacksmith, shell-cutter, weaver, potter, and brazier are descended from the offspring of Viṣvakarma, the celestial architect, and Ghṛitáchi, an Apsara, or nymph of heaven, and hence it is that all Kárus, or artisans, worship their progenitor with exceptional reverence. The reasons, again, why certain

¹ Banga, or Vanga-ja, Bengali born.

² A synopsis of this is given in the *Calcutta Review*, vol. xv, p. 60.

castes are degraded—are often quite ludicrous, but this does not cause their rejection. The Sūtradhāra lost rank for refusing to supply the Brāhman with sacrificial wood; the Chitrakāra for painting execrably; and the Suvarṇakāra for stealing gold given him to mould an idol. The modern Sūnṛi moreover, does not resent being told that his ancestor was created from the chips of the mutilated trunk of Gaṇeṣa, nor the Kumār that Śiv transformed a waterpot into the first potter.

According to the classification of Ballál Sen, as interpreted in Eastern Bengal, the nine following castes are considered pure, and the so-called Śúdra Brāhman officiates for all:—

Śáṅkhárá.	Kumār.	Gop-Goáln.
Tánti.	Málákár.	Madhu Nápit.
Kámar.	Nápit.	Baaái

Judging, however, by traditions still surviving, the position of a caste in the new roll depended chiefly on its usefulness and importance to the community at large. The profession which had proved itself essential to the comfort or welfare of the Hindu hierarchy was at once promoted to a higher level, while the less important was reduced. Thus, the Tánti, unclean in Bihár, became clean in Dacca, and the indispensable barber was raised to the same social level as the Káyasth. The relative position of the various castes is still a burning question in Bengal, and in large villages where any caste predominates, its claims to superior rank are usually conceded. For instance, the Gandha-banik, Teli, Támbulí, and Kánsári often assert, to good purpose, the right of being enrolled among the nine, and if their voice be sufficiently loud and influential it will be heard.

The Nava-Śákha have five servants, or Pancha-varṭta, attached to them in common, who possess the prescriptive right of attending at all caste and family celebrations. The five servants are the Brāhman, Málákár, Dhobá, Nápit, and Naṭa, or musician, who are presumed to be exclusively engaged in the service of the Śúdras, but they also earn money by waiting on lower castes. Even now-a-days some work for the Súra-vaṇsi, who ten years ago were not Hindus in name, while others readily work for the Báotí, Kapáli Kawáli, Paráśara Dás, and other tribes of doubtful origin. Where the fisher castes are numerous and cannot be overlooked, no difficulty is found in engaging their services. They work indeed for all castes employing a Patit Brāhman, but the utterly vile tribes, the Bhúinmalí, Chamár, Paṭní, and Sūnṛi, having Brāhmans of their own, are not served by the Pancha-varṭta. To this general rule, however, there are exceptions. The worshipful barber, for instance, condescends to shave, but will not pare the nails of the Sáha rice merchant.

Although caste is no longer revered as an old institution sanctified by religion and immemorial usage, and is disappearing before the assaults of modern civilisation, a tendency to the formation of new castes still exists. Semi-Hinduised races are being enrolled among Hindus and old established castes are being split up by adopting new occupations. But if this new occupation be not dishonouring, the Purohit continues his ministration. For instance, the great Chandal tribe has given off eight branches, yet the Chaṇḍal Brāhmins officiate for all. On the other hand, the agriculture Kaibarttas, having taken to a base employment, are obliged to support a Purohit of their own.

Between the Śūdras and the Nīcha, or vile castes, many tribes, organised by degraded Brāhmins, or united by the exigencies of modern civilisation, are found occupying an uncertain position, exposed to the sneers of the exclusive and conservative Śūdras.

These intermediate castes are—

Bāoti.	Kándho.	Lohait Korí.
Baqqál.	Kapáli.	Nar.
Bhát.	Karní.	Parásara Dás.
Berua.	Karrál.	Pátial.
Halwah Dás.	Kawáli.	Sutár.

In the Tantras,¹ the epithet Antya-ja, or inferior, is applied to the following seven tribes:—washerman, currier, mimic (Naṭa), fisherman, “Meda,” or attendant on women, cane-splitter (Varunda), and mountaineer (Bhilla). The term Antyávasáyin, or dwellers outside the town, was given to the Dôm, Pan, Hári, and other sweeper castes.

We, however, possess a very correct list² of the outcaste tribes in Bengal in the roll of pilgrims excluded from the temple of Jagannáth. If prohibited castes are distinguished from professions there are only eleven castes so utterly disreputable that they dare not enter the sanctuary. These are the—

Súní.	Kahár.	Tíyar.
Nama-Śúdra.	Ráj-Vaṇsi.	Bhúinmálí.
Dhobá.	Chamár.	Hári.
Jogí.	Dôm.	

Much information regarding caste, as understood in Bengal, is obtained by comparing the relative position of Hindustánis who reside, or temporarily sojourn there, with that of castes native to the province.

Permanent residence is always attended by social expulsion, but a stay of a few years is with some castes a disqualification, with others it

Golebrooke's *Essays*, ii, 164.

Harington's *Analysis*, iii, 213; Hunter's *Orissa*, i, 136.

is not so. For example, the Ahír, Surakiyá, and Kanaujiya Bráhmans, who keep up communication with their kindred and marry from their own homes, are reckoned pure; but the Kahár, Ahír, and Kándú domiciled in Bengal forfeit all claim to be considered stainless. By adopting local Śúdra customs and marrying with women of the country Hindustání tribes are stigmatized as “Khontá,” or debased. The Kanaujiya Bráhman, again, expelled by his family for these delinquencies, finds shelter in the ranks of the Srotriyá; but above this he cannot expect to rise, and his children must be content with a very ambiguous position.

The steps by which a Hindustání caste loses its original rank and gains a new one may be traced in the case of the potters. The Kumhár of Bihár is always unclean in Bengal, but if he marries a kinswoman he may return to his home without loss of rank. The Ráj-Mahállia potters however, being in an intermediate state, have neither risen to an equality with the Bengali Kumár, nor remained unclean like the Kumhár. The Śúdras of Bengal drink from their water-vessels, and, still more blessed, the Śúdra Bráhman ministers unto them. Lastly, the Bengali Kumár, originally of the same stock, has become in the course of ages a pure Śúdra and one of the Nava-Śákha.

In no instance, however, is the separation between kindred castes so striking as with the Chamárs and Rishis. Both belong to the same tribe, both are equally vile in the eyes of Hindus, and both live apart from all other castes, yet similar occupations not only excite jealousy and enmity, but prevent all friendly intercourse between them.

Occupations, moreover, which a Hindustání may engage in at home without stain or obloquy, are sometimes unbecoming when the habitation is in Bengal. Thus the Dòmni and Chámáin, professional musicians in Upper India, are disgraced by playing for hire in Bengal, while on the other hand, such menial work as the Mungírya Tántis perform in Dacca would be considered very debasing in their own district.

Although continuous residence at a distance usually repels, a brief sojourn sometimes draws together, disunited sub-divisions. Thus the different branches of Ahírs and Chhatris intermarry in Bengal and lose caste, although debarred from doing so in Hindustán.

The Bráhmanical order to which the Purohit belongs is generally a nice test of the rank accorded to a Hindustání caste. Among the lower tribes the Guru belongs either to one of the Daṇámí orders, or he is a Vaishnava Bhagaḥ, who visits his flock at regular intervals, confirming the old, and teaching the young the rudiments of their faith. Maithila Bráhmans, on the other hand, ordinarily act as Purohitis to Kurmi, Chhatrí, Kándú, Ahír, Cháin, and Kewaḥ; but Chhatris are occasionally found with a Sarsut, or Sarasvatí, Bráhman, and Kurmís

and Dosádhs with a Sákadvípa. The Kanaujiya tribe again ministers to Binds, Tántís, and Gádariyás. In the case of the Raṇḍa Khatris, whose parentage is equivocal, the strange phase is found of a Kanaujiya acting as Purohit, a Śrotriya of Bengal as Guru.

A most important distinction between Hindustání and Bengali castes of similar origin, is the religious belief found among them. It may be said with perfect truth that Vaishnávism, in one or other of its diverse forms, to the exclusion of Śaivaism and all other creeds, is the faith professed by the agricultural, artizan, and fisher tribes of Bengal. The worship of Krishna has for obvious reasons attracted well nigh all the Goála and other pastoral tribes of India. The teaching of Chaitanya and his successors has made little progress among Hindustání castes, but the sympathetic creeds of Kabír and Nának Sháh have attracted multitudes of disciples. The Kurmis and Dosádhs especially patronise Kabír; the Kewats, Kumhárs, and many Dosádhs enroll themselves under the banner of Nának.

It is among castes from Northern Bengal, such as the Kándú Bind, Muriári, and Surahiyá, that the followers of the strange Páñch-Píriya creed are to be met with. Other curious sects, unknown to Bengal, are also found in their ranks. The Tirhatiyá Tántís are members of the Buddh Rám communion. Kurmis often profess the doctrines taught by Darya Dás, and many Dosádhs those of Tulasi Dás. Still more worthy of notice is the existence among them of an old prehistoric cultus. The apotheosis of robber chiefs by Dosádhs, the deification of evil spirits, as Rahu by the Dosádhs, Kasi Baba by the Binds, and Madhu Kunwár by Tántís, and the animistic idea, endowing with life and personality the destructive energy of the Ganges, are all forms of belief unknown to castes native to Bengal.

The Marriage Customs of Tibet.—By SARAT CHANDRA DAS, C.I.E.

PART I.

THE ANCIENT MARRIAGE CUSTOMS OF TIBET,

(As now prevailing in Purang, Nah-ri, and the country round Lake

Manasarovara.)

Marriage by capture, as it now, to some extent, prevails in Purang and the country round Lake Manasarovara, existed in former times in Tibet and in the Cis-Himalayan countries. In U and Tsang comparatively few remnants of this ancient custom now remain, though in Sikkim, Bhutan, and the Himalayan district of Spiti, near Kulu, a

survival of it may be traced in the part played by the *kün-chan* (thief) in marriage ceremonies.*

In Purang when a young man wishes to marry a girl, he watches her movements, and carefully ascertains the places where she frequently goes for agricultural or pastoral work. When he finds a good opportunity, he comes, accompanied by one or two of his friends, and tracks her to the field, or to the pasture where she happens to go, and finding her alone carries her by force to his house. He keeps her confined in a separate house so as to have abundant opportunity of soliciting her favours. He provides her with good food and nice clothes and remains near her to coax her and to win her love. When he goes out of the house he leaves some one of his trusted friends to guard her against seductions of other men and the attempts of her parents to take her away. Sometimes her parents come in search of her, or send men to fetch her home. If the girl be unwilling to live with her captor, or if her parents do not permit her to marry him, the matter is settled by the village elders or the tribunal of the *Jong-pon* (district chief). If they permit the union, an auspicious day is fixed for the marriage when a good deal of *chang* (wine) is consumed. The entertainment on the marriage occasion is therefore called *chang-thung* (drinking of wine).

Marriage by elopement.—When a girl has given her heart to a young man, but her parents will not let her marry him, she elopes with him. He is helped in the elopement by two or three sturdy friends, who accompany him to prevent a rescue on the part of the parents and to see the couple safely through. Having brought her to his home he accommodates her in a good house engaged for the purpose. Here he conceals her and enjoys the honey-moon, by taking care to employ a number of strong men to guard his bride from being carried away by other men or

* *SPITI. Polyandry.*—Marriage customs.—In Spiti polyandry is not recognised, as only the elder brother marries, and the younger ones become monks. But there is not the least aversion to the idea of two brothers cohabiting with the same woman, and, I believe, it often happens in an unrecognised way, particularly among the landless classes who send no sons into the monasteries. I heard in Spiti, that when the bridegroom's party goes to bring the bride from her father's house, they are met by a party of the bride's friends and relations who stop the path: here-upon a sham-fight of a very rough description ensues, in which the bridegroom and his friends, before they are allowed to pass, are well drubbed with good thick switches.

In Spiti there is a regular ceremony of divorce which is sometimes used when both parties consent: Husband and wife hold the ends of a thread, repeating meanwhile:—"One father and mother gave, another father and mother took away: as it was not our fate to agree, we separate with mutual good-will." The thread is then severed by applying a light to the middle. After a divorce a woman is at liberty to marry whom she pleases. (*Crooke's Notes and Queries, &c.*)

by the friends of her parents. In the meantime his friends, or father, or relations go as *lóng-mi* (begging men) to the house of the girl's father. They take with them some presents for him, and also provisions for their own use during the time they remain there. They do not venture to go near the house of the bride's parents, but remaining at a distance of about a hundred yards or more from it, swing a *lhatag* (salutation scarf) to say that they have come to humbly propose the auspicious marriage of their daughter. At first the parents and their friends take no notice of this and decline to look at them. The *lóng-mi* continue their silent entreaties for three or four days, and do not leave the place until by their importunity they have moved the hearts of the bride's parents. The father of the girl then brings them before the elders of the village, and asks the latter to inflict on them the punishment they deserve for having stolen his daughter.

If the *lóng-mi* abide by their decision and pay the fine immediately, the marriage proposal is formally received by the bride's parents. In the meantime the bride returns to her father's house. Then an auspicious day is fixed for the wedding entertainment which is called *chang-thung*, when the friends and relatives of the bridegroom come to fetch the bride to the bridegroom's place. The bridegroom being conscious of his guilt dare not visit the house of the bride's father, till a long time after the completion of the marriage. If he indiscreetly happens to go there he is given the appellation of *kán-chan* (thief), and dealt with accordingly.

Among the upper classes in Purang parents generally arrange for the marriage of their sons and daughters. First of all comes the betrothal.* When the parties betrothed reach the proper age, i. e., about two or three years after attaining to puberty, they are married. The bridal party,

* Among Ladákis, betrothals, which are the occasion for a little drinking of tea and *chang*, are arranged by parents in consultation with relatives. Having fixed upon a match, which, from a worldly point of view, seems desirable, they then refer to the *Lámás*, to see if the destinies of the proposed couple suit. If they are found to be unsuited the betrothal is given up. A youth is betrothed when he is about 20 years of age, and a girl perhaps two years earlier. After the betrothal or "*tea chang tär ches*," the wedding, or "*Pagston*" may take place within a month, or it may be put off for a year or more. If a male child possessing property, is left alone in the world, he is betrothed at once to some fully grown woman, who acts as his nurse during his childhood, and as his wife during his later years. This is not found an inconvenient practice, as a Tibetan may have two "little wives" in addition to his original "*Pagston*" wife. The dowry (*kinto*) is fixed at the time of betrothal, but it is not given till the marriage takes place, and some times even after that. This dowry is paid by the bridegroom to the father, or other near relative of the bride.—"*Captain Ramsay's Western Tibetan Dictionary*," p. 10.

which consists of the kinsmen and relations of the bridegroom, carrying with them presents of clothes for the bride, and provisions for the marriage entertainment, proceed on an auspicious day to fetch the bride from the house of her father. The friends of the bride erect nine stone cairns called *tho-do* in the way, each about a hundred yards apart from the other. The bridegroom's party wait at the ninth *tho-do* which is farthest from the house of the bride's father, and in the hearing of the bride's friends, who come to meet them there, describe the personal beauty and accomplishments of the bride and the bridegroom, and also pointing to the *tho-do* say that it is the first barrier that the demons have set up and that it bars their way like a mountain. If they depart from the customary description of the gods and the demons, or commit any mistake in the manner of describing the *tho-do*, the friends of the bride become angry and break down the mound. Then the bridegroom's party must apologise and again describe the mound and the couple to be united. In this manner they halt at every one of the *tho-do* and describe them according to the custom of the country. At the last *tho-do* which is consecrated to the gods, they sing the praise of the bride, her parents and their tutelary deity, and say that as they have come thus far after having surmounted the nine valleys and nine mountains (*la-gu* and *lung-gu*) they hope that the gods will help them in their mission.

At the house of the bride's father they are received with kindness and entertained with tea, *chang*, barley flour and the three kinds of meat, cooked, dry and raw. They present a milch yak with her calf to the bride's mother as the price of the bride, called *nu-rin* (price of the mother's milk), and also two milch yaks to the father as the *ñah-rin* (price for (his) back). They also make presents of money and scarves to the relations of the bride's parents, and return to the bridegroom's house with the bride and her dowry, &c.

PRELIMINARIES OF MARRIAGE IN U, TSANG AND SIKKIM.

Parents generally arrange for the marriage of their sons and daughters, when they have passed the age of puberty. At the outset of a marriage proposal, it is necessary for the parties to be furnished with the names of the years in which they and their respective parents were born. This is considered essential for the purpose of ascertaining the *thun-tsi* calculation of the harmonious conditions of marriage in the parties to be united. For this object two or three astrologers are employed to arrive at independent results, working on different astrological data.

The application to astrologers for calculation is generally accompanied by some presents, consisting of *sum-tshan* (articles of three varieties), a

tray full of rice, a quantity of barley flour and a few bottles of wine. Receiving these presents the astrologer spreads his astrological chart, called *tsi-thang*, on a little table, and places in front of it a jug full of wine to offer *serkem* (libation of golden drink) to the gods, a miniature flag called the *dah-dar* (a silken flag of five colours attached to the sharp end of an arrow), and burning incense. He then puts a few white and black balls, of the size of a pea, on the chart, and throws them on it in the manner of dice to ascertain the good and bad luck of the parties to be married. After noting down the years of birth of the parties he gravely sits on a cushion to perform the ceremony of *den-dar* (the Test of Truth) of his calculations, and makes the following invocations:—

“I pay homage to Buddha—his Law, and the Church, and vow to be under their protection, till I shall have entered the state of supreme enlightenment. By the moral merits of my good deeds, such as charity, forbearance, &c., let all the living beings of the world be benefited, and thereby let me attain to Buddhahood. Let all the animate beings of the world come under the influence of TRUTH, and the causes of TRUTH, and also be free from misery, and the causes of misery. Let them also not be devoid of TRUTH, which is free from misery, and abide in that even state of mind, which is free from corruption, partiality and passions. Let me gain perfection as quickly as possible, that I may work in the cause of all living beings of the world. It is with a view to serve them in respect of the sciences of astrology and divination, that I now undertake to perform this religious service.” With this introduction the officiating astrologer invokes the aid of all the gods of the ten quarters, Buddhas, Bodhisattvas, sages, saints, &c., to help him in the work of mystic calculation:—

“O holy Lámás who have passed away, are now present, and will appear hereafter in this world, pray, bear me out in this test of TRUTH! O infallible prince of the Sákya race, O sage of Udyána, Padma Sambhava! O ye masters of the Sûtras, Tantras and the *mantras*, lend me your help in this test of divination, for nothing in this world is hidden from you.

“O *Rig-sum Gon-po* (Mañju) Śrī, Vajra páñi, and Avalokíteśvara, Saṅgye (Buddhas) Changsem (Bodhisattvas), the science of numbers and of the stars, the Sûtrántas and the sacred works on divine prophecies!—Judge ye all of my skill.

“O Brahmá Chaturmukha (thou with four faces)! O Nága Rájá whose head is formed of seven serpents! O mighty *Vijayá*, the goddess who rules over the elements! O sage Kapila Muni! O Kung-fu-tse (Confucius), the miraculous prince of China! O saints and Vidyá-dharas!—Ye are all witnesses to my work.

"O the four great sages of China, the four saints of Tibet, and the Pandits and Lochávas of India and Tibet!—Help me in this test of TRUTH.

"O ye five kinds of Brahma-Káyika Devas, who rule over the fire in the South, over the wood in the East, over the adamantine mountains in the West, over the Ocean in the North, and over the ethereal space in the middle region!—Bear me out.

"The eight great planets, the sun and moon, the Pleiades and the 78 constellations!—Do you all test the truth of my science.

"The great gods including Brahmá, the eight *ndga* demons headed by Nanda, the four Mahárája Káyikas, the guardian kings of the world, and the seventy *Palgon* (the noble spirits who defend Buddhism)!—Help me in drawing true conclusions from astrology and the science of divination.

"The four celestial nymphs called Man-tsun Chen-mo, (Mahá Mátriká) who preside over medicine, the twelve sylvan goddesses called the Ten-ma Chufii, who under a solemn compact have become protectors of Buddhism in Tibet, the local gods and demigods, together with your attendants, the kings and ministers!—Bear ye all witness to my work.

"The nine mystic figures called the *Me-va gu* and the eight gnomons on the chart of divination called the *Parha* and the cycle of sixty years!—Receive homage from me.

"The grey tiger that keeps the farthest end of the Eastern Quarter, the blue dragon of the South, the red huge bird of the West, and the golden tortoise of the North!—Receive your share of respect from me.

"I make this religious service which is threefold, being exoteric, esoteric and mystic, to honour you, and I make offerings to you for granting me power to arrive at accurate results in calculating astrological events and to divine correctly. Will you, therefore, explain to me the science of divination, and demonstrate every fact and figure connected with it as clearly as reflections fall on a mirror of polished silver?

"To-day we are to ascertain whether the youth and the maiden to be united are possessed of the ten virtues of matrimonial concord (*mtshun-sbyor*); the twenty characteristics of demeanour (*hgro-lam*); If they will deserve the ten kinds of dowry, and also the services of five men necessary for conducting wedding ceremonies. O Venerable Lámás and learned elders! Shew unto me all that is essential for astrology, and correct me when I err."

Then taking the names of the years of the birth of the males and females of both sides, the astrologer ascertains the chances of life, *i. e.* (longevity), accidents to the body, power (*wang-thang*), and prosperity (by observing the *Bluñ rta wind-horse* or fortune), and by setting these

four against each other by the throw of the black and white balls on the chart. The good and evil of life, and the *wind-horse* of the male's year being calculated, are set against those obtained from the female's year. Again the body and power of the female's year are set against those calculated from the male's year. If in the throw of the globules the white ones turn up in favour of the parties to be married, good luck is prognosticated, and the *thun-tsi* is ascertained.

If the good and evil of the life of the male harmonize in the calculation with those of the life of the female, longevity is counted upon. If not, the happiness of the couple will be short-lived.

If in the calculation the accidents to the body of the male agree with those of the female, the astrologer declares that the marriage will be happy in respect of issue. Want of harmony in the persons of the parties indicates barrenness.

If the *wang-thang* (power) of the male corresponds with that of the female, the astrologer declares that the parties will be prosperous in reference to wealth. Want of harmony in *wang-thang* in the parties indicates poverty and waste of wealth.

If the *wind-horse* (fortune) of the male agrees with that of the female, the marriage is predicted to be a very happy one, as love and concord are sure to attend them, and to be the guiding principles of their life. If the *wind-horse* of the one run counter to that of the other, the marriage is pronounced to be unlucky and unhappy, as the parties would then constantly fall out.

When parties are anxious to be married in spite of adverse astrological results standing against the union, the astrologer ascertains how many of the circumstances are favourable to the parties, and how many against them. If they agree in three-fourths of the circumstances, religious observances are necessary to avert the dangers consequent on the disagreement in the remaining one-fourth; but when at least one-half of the circumstances stand against the parties, no religious observance is supposed to be of sufficient efficacy to avert the dangers of an inauspicious union. The proposal is then dropped, and another maiden is sought.

The Tibetans use different kinds of astrological charts and calculations which are based on Indian and Chinese methods. The astrologer failing one kind of calculation tries another. When astrology fails, divination, by deciphering the mystic marks on the back of the fabulous golden tortoise is resorted to. In this manner the astrologer of Tibet makes a busy trade of his craft, the like of which is seldom seen either in India or China. Among the priestly crafts of Tibet none is considered so lucrative as that of the astrologer.

As soon as the astrologer declares that the *thun-tsi*, i. e., the circumstances of harmony necessary in the marriage are favourable, the parents consult their friends and relations in order to ascertain the suitability of the match, and send one or two *bar-mi* (go-betweens) to ascertain the views of the maternal uncle of the maiden selected regarding her marriage. He generally withholds his opinion under various excuses. According to the customs of the country the *Shaŋgo* (maternal uncle) of a maiden is the real arbiter of her fate in the matter of marriage. Nothing can be settled without reference to him. When his leave is secured the marriage proposal can be formally made to the maiden's parents.

The *bar-mi* with the permission of the *Shaŋgo*, on an auspicious day during the increasing lunation of the month, proceed to the house of the parents of the maiden to present them with the *lóng-chang* (in Sikkim *nang-chang*) and therewith formally make the proposal of marriage. The word *lóng-chang* is derived from *lóng*, to beg or apply, and *chang*, wine, meaning the present of wine to apply for marriage. In Sikkim the candidate for the maiden's hand accompanies the *bar-mi*, but in Tibet the case is otherwise. On the way they observe omens and prognostics. If they see any empty vessel they turn back.

The *lóng-chang* consists of the following: at least a gallon of wine, a silk scarf, five silver coins, and five or nine kinds of things placed on a tray. The *lóng-chang* is required to be carried by a man who has been the father of several sons and daughters. Under no circumstances is a widower, or one who is childless, or whose children have died, allowed to carry it. The parents of the maiden receive the *bar-mi* with politeness, and serve them with wine and tea. After emptying one or two cups of tea the *bar-mi* present them with a scarf, and beg for leave to state their mission. The parents at first shew some indifference to their request, and try to turn the conversation on some current topics of the day. The *bar-mi* press the point they are interested in, and say that they have come with the *lóng-chang* to beg for the gem (their daughter). They are then told that the giving up of the *norbu* (gem) is no trifle, and so they should not be too sanguine about getting it.

If, after repeated entreaties, they succeed in getting any assurance of good will from the maiden's parents they open the wine bottle belonging to the *lóng-chang* and pour wine into the cups of the friends and relations of the parents who happen to be present on the occasion. At this stage the parents make the following remarks:—

“According to the common saying of the country the maternal uncle is the owner of one half of the person of his niece or nephew, just as half the cloth of a robe belongs to the sleeves. Accordingly if the

maternal uncle of our daughter, and also her relations and friends, agree to the proposal, it will be possible for us to accept the *lóng-chang*; but otherwise we must return it."

It is therefore necessary first of all to arrange the marriage business with the maternal uncle. The proverb says, "Both in marriage and merchandise there should be no kind of solicitation." So the party that has won the maternal uncle over to his side need not shew any anxiety for the acceptance of the *lóng-chang*.

If the *bar-mi* can any how induce the parents to drink a cup of wine from the *lóng-chang* the betrothal is effected. * But they studiously avoid partaking of anything pertaining to the *lóng-chang* before consulting the maternal uncle.

MARRIAGE CEREMONIES OF TIBET (U AND TSANG).

After accepting the *lóng-chang* the parents of the maiden in consultation with the *lóng-mi*, called *bar-mi* in Sikkim, and the astrologer fix an auspicious date for celebrating the marriage.

The bridegroom remains at home. His friends and relations proceed to the house of the bride's parents to fetch her. No music nor dancing mark a Tibetan marriage at the outset.

On the appointed day the parents of the bride make the necessary preparations for receiving the bridegroom's party who come dressed in their best apparel. Being seated on low or high cushions, according to their respective rank and position, the guests are regaled with tea and wine and dainty dishes. A quantity of barley flour, red potatoes, biscuits and cakes in wooden trays, and meat (boiled, dried and raw) in brass and silver trays, are placed before the principal guests.

In the meantime the bride is taken to her toilet. First her hair is washed, to which she reluctantly submits, shedding tears at the idea of separation from her parents and friends. These try to console her with kisses and show of affection. Her nearest female relations come to soothe her mind with kind words. The bridesmaid (sent from the bridegroom's parents), comes to help her in her toilet; She plaits her hair and dresses the locks in the form of a crown decorating them with strings of pearl, and turquoises. She then puts on her ornaments of gold and silver, coral, amber, ruby and other precious stones.

The marriage festivities generally last for three days at the house of the bride's parents, when their friends and relations avail themselves of the opportunity of shewing their good-wishes to them by making presents to her. The parents first arrange for the dowry, then the relations send their presents, and last of all come the personal friends and acquaintances of the bride to make the bridal gifts and to wish her a

long conjugal life, of prosperity and happiness. The presents are then collected and made over to the best man with a list of them. As soon as he comes to receive them, the companions of the bride by way of a joke, secretly remove his earring, head dress, wrapper or any other article they can get hold of belonging to him. At the time he takes no notice of their jokes, but on the following morning he complains to them about the loss of his things, and offers a reward for their recovery. A present of three to four *srang* (ounces of silver) to them secures him the return of the lost things.

A Tantrik priest called *Ñag-chang* performs the ceremony of propitiating the *Pholha* (the household god) with incense burnt at a conspicuous place. The representative of the bridegroom now makes a present of five or nine varieties of articles to the mother of the bride, and says that as the usage of the country sanctions the offering of what is called the *nu-rin* (the price of mother's milk) she must accept it.

When the bride leaves the house of her parents which is usually done a little before the dawn, the *Ñag-chang* burns some incense to please the *nāga* demons who (are supposed to) live underground within the premises of her parents. These unseen beings are believed to be often attached to some individual member of a family so as to follow them like a dog wherever they happen to go. It is the duty of the *Ñag-chang* to keep them back by the efficacy of his charms and prevent their following the bride to her husband's place.

The *su-mi* (the bridegroom's people who come to escort the bride) and *kyel-mi* (men who escort her to her husband's place), and the *bag-yog-ma* (female attendant of the bride), proceed to the altar of the household god of the family to take leave of him. They make three salutations to him each time taking their hats off.

Then coming out of the house they seat the bride on a stool placed at the door. A priest (of the Bon religion) now performs the ceremony of *yangûg* (invoking good luck) by reciting some mystic charms and walking round her from right to left in the manner of a Bon religious circumambulation. When this is done, a small arrow studded with five precious stones and with five scraps of silk of five colours attached to its pinnacle, is fixed on the neck of her dress, its point touching the top of her head-dress. She is then placed on the back of a pony and slowly led to her future home. The parents with tears in their eyes now come to bid her farewell, and present her with the auspicious scarf called *tashi-khutag*. They send the *kyel-chang* (farewell wine) to be served to her at a short distance from the gate of their residence.

The bridal party then proceeds towards the bridegroom's house, being heralded by what is called *ta-kar mi-kar* (a man in white

riding on a white horse). An amulet containing some mystic charms to protect her against evil influences and the evil spirits of the ten quarters, is now worn by the bride. This is considered very essential for her well-being at this time. When a bride proceeds to her future home unprovided with this indispensable safeguard she is sure to fall under the malignant influence of evil spirits. For during her journey from the place where the farewell wine is served, *i. e.*, where she parts company with her parents and friends, and the place where she is first received with what is called the *welcome-wine*, she is not accompanied by the guardian spirit, either from her father's side or from the bridegroom's quarter. As soon as the bride approaches the house of the bridegroom, a second batch of *su-mi* (people sent to receive the bride), dividing themselves into three parties, wait at three different stages on the way to refresh her with the *welcome-wine*. At each of these places she stops a few minutes to receive the *welcome-wine* and the auspicious scarves.

As soon as the bridal party arrives at the gate of the bridegroom's house, his friends, fearing lest some evil spirits may have followed the bride from her father's place, make arrangements to drive them off. For this purpose they bring the devil's effigy made of cloth or barley, painted with coloured butter, and throw it on the ground before the bride. The *kyel-mi*, *i. e.*, those who have come from her parents' house to escort her, here take offence at this demonstration of groundless fear on the part of the bridegroom's people. They keep a sharp eye on the man who throws the devil's effigy, and, if possible, catch him in the act and tear his clothes to pieces by way of punishment. They let him off on extracting from him the promise of the payment of a fine of two or three *strangs*. In their turn they now try to find fault with the arrangements made for the bride's reception. It is customary to hang a piece of long silk scarf from the top of the gate on the occasion of the arrival of the bride. The bridegroom's people let the scarf drop for a moment and then lift it up. The bride's friends try to catch it and take it away to the bride's parents in token of their triumph over the bridegroom's party. Then the officiating Tantrik priest recites a few benedictory verses, &c., describing the door, house, &c., of the bridegroom.

"Hail, self-existent Dharma! Let there be happiness to all living beings. The lintel of this door is yellow, being made of gold. The door-posts are cut out of blocks of turquoise. The sill is made of silver. The door frame is made of lapis lazuli. Opening this auspicious door you find in it the repository of five kinds of precious things. Blessed are they who live in such a house. Let them enjoy long life without being troubled with sufferings and dangers. Prosperity be theirs, and let there be no limit to their wealth. O, happy couple! If you wish to

found a family you should first do homage to the three Holies (Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha). Secondly, you should extend your charity to the poor and the fallen. Thirdly, your compassion to all living beings should be unlimited. We come from our fatherland, the country of gems, to open the mines of five precious metals, and to plant the root of generation. We have come indeed to execute a high mission, so do not close the door against us. Open it that we may enter."

Then the mother of the bridegroom, dressed in her best apparel, with a tray containing the *dak-dar* and some barley flour mixed with butter, in her right hand, and with a jar full of milk in her left hand, comes to receive the bride and to present her with the *tashi-khatag* and *che-mar* (the buttered barley). The bride helped by two female attendants alights on a stool which is covered with a rug containing the figure of the *swastika*. She is conducted by her mother-in-law to the marriage altar, and seated to the left of the bridegroom.

The carpet on which they sit usually contains the figure of the *swastika* and the floor of the room is painted with a paste made of wheat-flour, and water. The bridal party consisting of the *kyel-mi* and the *su-mi* then enter the reception hall after tasting a little *che-mar* (buttered barley), at the threshold. The friends of the bridegroom sit in the left row, the seats on the right row being reserved for those who come on behalf of the bride's parents. A sumptuous dinner is served to them. In the meantime the friends and relations of the bridegroom come to offer their *tashi-khatag* (auspicious scarves) to the married couple, and to make presents to them. It is customary with them to supply the provisions necessary for the entertainment of the first day. On this occasion all the neighbours of the bridegroom also take part in the festivities and make presents of cloth, gold, silver, &c., with auspicious scarves according to their means and taste.

Music and singing are kept up throughout the day. Then when the auspicious hour of solemnizing the marriage arrives the *Nag-chang* makes offerings to the gods, and gives a new name to the bride, connecting it in some manner with the name of her mother-in-law. When this is performed a small piece of wood, about six inches long, is held to the lips of the bridegroom. The bride now sits in front of her husband, and takes the other end of the wood between her lips.

In the meantime a tuft of wool is placed in the hands of the bridegroom who draws out the fibres to some length. The bride takes it from his hands and twists it into a thread. This is called the ceremony of the first work of harmonious union. Then the party of the bride separate from that of the bridegroom, and sitting in rows of seats facing each other sing repartee songs. When the festivities terminate the bridegroom dismisses the *kyel-mi* with suitable presents.

PART II.

MARRIAGE CUSTOMS IN SIKKIM.

The marriage ceremony takes place generally a year after the acceptance of the *Nag-chang* though it is not unusual with the rich to have it performed after six months when the parties to be united are of proper age. On this occasion too, the influence of the *Ashang* (maternal uncle) continues to be paramount. The party of the bridegroom entertains him with rich food and wine to obtain his final sanction to the marriage. The entertainment that is given to him is called *den-chung*. The suitor, however poor he may be, must, at least, contribute a roast fowl to the dainty feast that is prepared for him.

The *bar-mi* (intermediators) settle the price of the bride with her parents, who say that the *gem* in question being very valuable cannot be parted with easily. At last the price is settled, which among the poor people of Tibet living in the frontier generally comes to a few score of *tankas* or *srangs*, according to the resources of the bridegroom. The *bar-mi* then take the permission of the bride's parents to appoint an auspicious day for celebrating the marriage ceremony. This done their duties are at an end.

The maternal uncles of the parties or their representatives now come forward to conduct the marriage as *dodag* (managers). In Sikkim and Bhutan the *dodags* are furnished by the respective parties with what is called *bar-zen* (the mediator's fee) usually estimated at ten per cent. of the price of the bride.

So long as the marriage is not completed, the position of the bridegroom is considered to be that of a suppliant beggar. In Tibet he is received with some consideration, but in Sikkim and Bhutan his position is far from being enviable. But as soon as the marriage is settled, and the price of the bride fixed, his maternal uncle begins to assume a position of equality with that of the bride's maternal uncle.

He cites the common saying. "*Da-va mé-na ñen mi-kyab.*" Where equality (of position) is wanting there should be no marriage.

The question now arises where should the two parties meet to conduct the wedding ceremony. The suitor's maternal uncle endeavours to have it done according to the old customs of the country at an intermediate place between the residences of the two parties, but the bride's party do not agree to this. At last the former yields to the latter, and the wedding takes place at the residence of the bride's parents.

On the day of marriage the *bar-mi* again meet for the definite settlement or payment of the price of the bride. They are paid the usual mediation fee of five *rupees* or *srang* from each side.

If the bride belongs to the higher class, i. e., the nobility, she is

valued at 18 ponies (each pony being valued at Rs. 50), and a present of nine articles called the *gu-tshan* consisting of the following:—a gold *mohar*, eight ounces of silver, a silk robe, a matchlock, a robe of thick Tibetan serge, called *purug-go*, *khamar* (wrapper made of raw silk), *baborma* (a good milch cow with a calf), a silk scarf of superior quality.

The price of a bride among the middle class is estimated at 12 ponies and a present of five different articles.

In the case of the poor the price of a pony is estimated at 50 lbs. of butter. If it is understood that the bride will bring with her a male and female slave her price is raised by two ponies, and the entire carcass of a pig or sheep thrown in.

The value of a bride among the common people is fixed at four ponies with a present of three things called the *sum-tshan*.

According to the common saying of the country, the price of a bride is in fact due to the mother. In Tibet it is called *nu-rin* (the price of mother's milk). The mother does not personally accept it on any account, but when parents do receive it according to the usage of the country, it is understood that double the amount of the price received should be given to the bride as *peejong* (dowry). This dowry becomes *peema*—the personal property of the bride, and corresponds with what is called *stridhan* in India.

When the marriage takes place at an intermediate place, the provisions necessary for the entertainment are supplied by both the parties—the largest share being borne by the bridegroom. In Sikkim he is required to furnish what is called *shya-gyu*—the carcass of a bull slaughtered for the occasion. When the marriage takes place at the house of the bride's parents they entertain their relations, friends and neighbours for one whole day with rich dishes and *chang*. The wedding ceremony takes place at or before noon, when the *don-ñer* or *khalenpa* delivers a harangue to the assembled people—and invokes the gods and the spirits of the ten quarters.

A respectable man of the village, who is blessed with sons and daughters, and has means, is appointed to perform the *khalen* as follows:—"The three Holies (Buddha, Dharma and Saṅgha), the united body of the sainted Lamas, the spirits of the ten quarters, the guardian gods and defenders of Buddhism, the four great spirit kings, the snowy mountain Himalaya, the divine keepers of the sacred places and sites, the tutelary deities and guardian angels, and such other gods and spirits whom the parents of the bridegroom and bride propitiate, and ye celestial beings henceforth protect this married couple, named ——— and ———. From this day he will be hers and she his. They will be mutually responsible to each other for their respective conduct.

"He will not allow her to be ravished, or seduced by another man, nor will she allow him to fall under the influence of another woman. He will not in any way deprive her of her personal properties, nor allow other men more or less powerful than himself to rob or purloin her personal effects. They are united together this day in our presence, and ye gods and saints bear witness to their wedding." To this the couple, seated by each other's side, nod assent when the *don-ñer* throws a fine white silk scarf called *tashi khadag* on their heads.

Then the relations and friends of the bride and bridegroom present them each with a silk scarf, and in terms of affection wish them a happy life. This ends the first stage of the marriage ceremony called *ñen*, marriage. Though the price of the bride has been paid, and the *khalempa* has announced the wedding to the public, yet the married couple are not permitted to enjoy the honeymoon until a year has expired, or till the festivity of *chang-thung* (drinking) has been performed. During this time the bridegroom is required to make frequent visits to his father-in-law's house with fancy presents for his spouse. In fact, this is the period of courtship with Tibetan-speaking people. Among the agricultural tribes of Sikkim and Bhutan this period is called *dor-gyug* (the period of servitude). The common saying among them is that "a son-in-law, though he is not a slave, must serve his father-in-law and mother-in-law, for at least three years before he can enjoy the person of his bride." This term of three years in the case of the lower classes is counted from the time of *long-chang*. Among the higher classes betrothal, marriage and *chang-thung* are all finished within a year. It is in the case of the middle classes that these ceremonies extend over two years. The period of *dor-gyug* among the humbler classes can be conveniently shortened by payment of money, or by the present of five varieties of articles to the bride's parents

CHANG-THUNG (THE FESTIVAL OF DRINKING).

This final ceremony of marriage generally takes place one year after the *ñen* (formal marriage). The bridegroom again sends two *bar-mi* to ascertain the wishes of the bride's parents regarding the time of *chang-thung*. This is considered the most delicate part of the marriage business, or *behu bumoi lon joi* as it is called in Sikkim and Bhutan. The parents and friends of the bride try on the slightest pretence to postpone it indefinitely in order to extract more service from the bridegroom. The *bar-mi* therefore exert themselves with much tact and care to ensure success in inducing the bride's parents to agree to *chang-thung*. This being arranged, they consult the astrologer to fix an auspicious day for commencing the festivities and to prepare the

bride's horoscope. The marriage hour called *bag-kar*, (the marriage-star) occurs only once in a month, so the day in which the auspicious hour falls is selected for the wedding.

The festivity of *chang-thung* extends over six days, the entertainment of the first three days takes place in the house of the bride's parents, and that of the remaining three days in the bridegroom's place.

The first day of the festivity is called the *dong-chang*, i. e., the day of the first drinking, when the *don-ñer* again invokes the gods and spirits in the terms stated above.* The second day of the festivity is called *chang-thung-chenpo*, i. e., the day of grand drinking when also the *khalen* is made with much warmth. As soon as the *don-ñer* finishes his harangue, the *Tasi-kyi-Lama* begins his work—the ritual of auspicious offerings to the gods and spirits. These offerings, called *tashi tormas* are made of barley flour and wheat decorated with wafers made of coloured butter, in the shape of *chaityas* and fancy temple-like structures. With these the head of the bride is first touched and then they are thrown towards the spirits, who are supposed to have assembled in space at the exhortation of the Lama. The third day of the festivity is called *Chang-ser*, i. e., the day of the golden drink.

On the evening before the *dong-chang* the bridegroom's people proceed to fetch the bride. The party consists of one or two valets of the bridegroom, four or five of his relations, including the *Ashang* (maternal uncle) who generally performs the rôle of the best man, two or three men called the *na-thi* (guides of the bridal party), the *pag-ró* (bridesmaid) the *hhyung bag-ko* (the maid of honour), the bride's page who carries the bride's jewellery, &c., and a number of servants. The bridegroom's valet performs the part of the thief (*kên-chen*) which is considered a dishonorable and odious duty in the marriage affairs of these cis-Himalayan countries. The bridesmaid sits by the side of the bride and covers her lap with a piece of silken wrapper called the *pag-khep*. All these people who form the bridal party, are selected according to the directions supplied by the astrologer, and are supposed to be well-to-do people of good fortune. No widower, widow, or *tshang-nag-pa* (husband and wife, to whom no son has been born) or *rab-ché* (those who are barren) are ever allowed to join a bridal party.

In the morning preceding the day of *dong-chang*, the order and arrangement of seats for the people coming from the bridegroom's house, and also for those belonging to the bride's parents are settled. The *sú-mi* come in the evening of that day, but the *kên-chen* knowing how he will be dealt with by the bride's friends, loiters behind to seek for an opportunity to enter the house of the bride's parents in a secret manner. In his endeavour to do so he is assisted by the bridegroom, who having

been in the house of the bride's father, has become acquainted with every detail of it. The fencing round the house of the bride's parents is covered with the branches of thorny plants and nettles. Two additional fences are erected at some distance from the house for the purpose of stopping the *kún-chen* and also to prevent his running away from the place.

Guards are stationed at each of these fences to watch the movements of the *kún-chen* who nevertheless succeeds in entering the house either by scaling them, or by some kind of strategy. With the exception of the *pag-pon* and one or two of his respectable companions, the rest of the party are treated with sham contempt and mockery. When others are served with good *chang*, bad *chang*, refuse and coarse kind of food, intended for pigs, &c., are placed before them. These not unfrequently exchange sharp words with the female friends and companions of the bride, who sometimes in the way of joke, sometimes in earnest, seek an opportunity to annoy them. If they be a quiet sort of people they generally settle the sham difference with these women by a bribe called *mag-lóg* (the fee of defeat).

The *kún-chen* in the dead of night, when all the guards are asleep, makes his way to the place of the bride's parents by either scaling the fences or breaking through them. He comes provided with a pair of leather, or felt boots, and some woollen, or thick sackcloth. On his arrival at the door of the house, he finds that it has been closed from within.

At this time the bridegroom tries all his resources to get him inside the house. He calls the *kún-chen* by signs or by a whistle to enter the house by lifting up some of the loose planks of the floor from underneath the *hog-khang*, where pigs and cattle are kept. Sometimes he points out to him the weak part of the roof or a bamboo wall of the house through which a passage is possible. If possible the bridegroom quietly comes out of the house to help the *kún-chen*. If the female relatives of the bride happen to be awake, they light torches called (*bag-zi*) to beat him. Some among them being friendly, or brought to his side by a bribe, try to extinguish the light. As soon as the *kún-chen* enters the house he at once wraps himself up with all the clothes that he can get hold of therein. The women now come headed by the bride's sister to beat him with switches and thorny twigs in their hands. In spite of the help that he can obtain from those that are friendly to him, he gets a thorough beating. The more violent among the women beat him mercilessly, as if he were the real enemy of the bride. Unable to bear the beating the *kún-chen* sometimes abuses them, and sometimes he falls on his knees to beg for forgiveness. Sometimes he feigns exhaustion, and

falling prostrate on the ground, salutes them saying, "O merciful ladies forgive me. I shall pay the *mag-lóg* (the fee of defeat)." If they do not beat him severely, he remains on the ground as motionless, or half dead, and does not pay the *mag-lóg*, and at the end appropriates to himself the articles of *mag-lóg* which the bridegroom gives him, to compensate his supposed loss in the way of *mag-lóg*.

Sometimes the *kún-chan* behaves very humbly towards the female friends of the bride, in consequence of which they treat him with less severity, but under no circumstance can he escape the beating altogether. In the morning of the first day of *chang-thung* called the *dóng-chang*, he is placed in a conspicuous place in the reception-room, wrapped up in blankets and other thick stuffs.

Dóng-chang:—In the morning at about 8 o'clock, the guests consisting of the relations, friends, neighbours, &c., begin to assemble in the marriage hall. They bring with them each a basketful of *chang*, a bag of rice, and a potful of barley flour. Each guest, as he enters the hall, strikes the *kún-chan* lightly with the switch kept there for the purpose. The *kún-chan* expresses his pain in loud shrieks. Sometimes when wanton boys apply the switch freely to his body, he will rush at them furiously. When the *kún-chan* goes out to attend the call of nature, he is surrounded by the female friends of the bride, and is forced to sit on a log of the tree called *sam-shing*, the raw bark of which produces a blister when it touches the skin. The log is covered with nettles and other thorny plants so as to look like a horse. If he can be made to sit on the wooden horse they will hoot him with shrieks and laughter. If he does not sit upon it they beat him with nettles till he enters the room.

Chang-thung chenpo:—On the second day of the festivities the neighbours, friends and relations of the bride's parents are entertained with wine, rice, meat, &c. The guests headed by the chief priest of the village, called *Tashi-kyi Lama*, present their respective scarves, together with silver coins, clothes, metal utensils, and *tashi-kha-tag* to the bride and express their good wishes for her. Some among the guests, who are near and dear to the bride, will present her with two or more scarves, saying that they present this scarf, called the *kyider* (the scarf of happiness), that scarf, called *gadar* (the scarf of joy), to wish her gladness, and so on. The guests also make presents of *tang-dar*, i. e., a scarf with a Tibetan *tanka* or a *rupee*, to the *pag-pon*, i. e., the best man and the bridesmaid. As soon as the scarves and other presents are brought the *don-ñer* (receiver of guests) announces the name of each donor. The money presents are deposited in a silver pot kept for the purpose on a small table before the bride. Then some one from among the

bridegroom's friends acknowledges the presents, &c., by saying *thug-je che* (great mercy). At this time the *kūn-chan* remains in his solitary seat, but unmolested by anybody. Till midday he finds himself very solitary as no one talks to him or makes any fun with him. When the presentation of scarves and *tang-dar* is finished, the guests sit at dinner, and drink *chang* to their heart's content. After dinner the guests touch the *kūn-chan*'s head with their sticks. Some beat him lightly with the switch. This is called *solgyab* (after-dinner beating).

The guests are served with *chang* and tea in the afternoon when they again play the same kind of practical jokes with the *kūn-chan*. This is called the *chang-gyab* (beating after drinking). In the evening buttered tea is served to them with barley flour or parched Indian-corn. Again they beat the unfortunate *kūn-chan* lightly with their sticks. This is called after evening-tea beating. When he has quietly undergone these indignities, the women taking pity on him cease to beat him any more. They ask him to drink *chang*. Sometimes a wooden bucket filled with *chang* is given to him. A servant then hands over to him a china-cup called *yangtse* with which he draws wine from the bucket. Then a trayful of half-baked beef or fowl, mixed with red pepper and kitchen soot, is placed before him. The female friends of the bride again come to annoy him. This time, catching him by his ears they force a quantity of under-done beef into his mouth. Some make him drink *chang*. Then the principal guests sing some benedictory songs, and offering their prayers to the Buddhas and the Bodhisattvas, to bless the married couple, they return to their respective homes.

Chang-ser:—On the third day of the festival, called the *golden drinking*, the neighbours and relations of the bride's parents again assemble to a grand dinner and drinking, when large quantities of beef and pork are given to them to eat. Two or more oxen or pigs, that have been slaughtered on the previous day, are cooked in large cauldrons with red-pepper and salt. The beef and pork so prepared, are called *shya-gyu* and *sha-phag*, respectively. At midnight of the third day the *kūn-chan* runs away quietly. If the women can catch him while running away they give him a good beating, which is called *dol-ñon* (the beating before he escapes). It is for this reason that the mother of the bride takes especial care of him and secretly arranges for his flight. The *kūn-chan* having effected his escape, proceeds to the rest-house that has been especially erected for the bridal party midway and waits there. Here he changes his clothes and becomes transformed into a great man called the *pha-pon*. The bride's mother sends some wine, beef and rice for his refreshment.

When the festivities at the house of the bride's parents terminate,

the officiating *Lámá*. makes offerings to the gods at the auspicious moments called the *du-tsi-jor* (in *Sanskrit* *Amṛita yoga*), the moments called *chi-jor*, the conjunction of the malignant stars, being avoided.

The offerings are first applied to the heads of the bride's parents and then thrown away, generally at the junction of two roads. At the same auspicious time the bride sets off for her future home. The astrologer now furnishes instructions on the following points:—

1. In what direction the bride should first look on starting.
2. What food or thing she should taste on her arrival at her husband's house.
3. What should be the year of birth of the woman who dresses her hair.
4. To what work the bride should put her hands first.
5. What should be the year of birth of *pag-pon*, the best-man.
6. The name of the man, who should first serve the bride with food.
7. The name of the man who should conduct her to her husband's house.
8. What should be the colour of the horse to be used for her conveyance.
9. The colour of the cushion, on which she should sit on arriving at her husband's house.

The bridal party start early in the morning. The bride is now surrounded by her friends and female relations, who shed tears on parting with her. The *pag-pon* (best-man,) the bridesmaid, *khyün-bag-ko*, and other attendants who form the *sü-mi*, take charge of her from her parents. Some of her father's relations and friends join the party to escort her safely to the bridegroom's house. All the people who form the bridal party are called *kün-don*. If the bridegroom's house be a day's journey distant the *kün-don* halt at some convenient place midway for refreshment, where a tent or temporary shed has been erected for the purpose. At this time they are not allowed admission into any dwelling-house. It is believed that a malignant spirit called *dong-ser-geg* always walks before the bride, and those who fall in his way suffer all kinds of danger. It is for this reason that passers-by turn aside when they happen to come across a bridal party.

Here the *kün-chan*, now transformed into a great man, waits for the bridal party. He is called the *tha-pon* (hawk-chief), for having come out of the ordeal successfully, i. e., having snatched away the bride from the midst of her parents and friends like a hawk. Here he becomes the leader of the party, his position being second only to that of the *pag-pon* (best-man).

In the meantime the bridegroom sends another party of *sü-mi* with

chang-gyüg (wine for welcoming) to receive the bridal party. These dividing themselves into three parties, wait on the way in three stages. They carry with them a number of bamboo bottles of boiled *chang*, and reeds for sucking the liquor from them, and one or two heavy loads of fermented *chang* (*mur-wa* beer). At each stage they burn incense to the gods in large quantities for the purpose of purifying the atmosphere and also to drive away the evil spirits.

The first division of *sü-mi*, that meet the bridal party midway inform the *pha-pon* of the health of the bridegroom and the arrangements for their reception, and the *pha-pon* in a short speech asks them to partake of the *welcoming wine* sent for their reception and refreshment. He first invokes the gods, &c., then drinks *chang*. The invocation consists of the following:—

“The highest reverence is due to the three Holies. The guardian deities and tutelary deities claim our adoration with precious objects. By the blessings of the Lámás and the kind advice and predictions of the Dákinís, angels that soar on high, we succeed in all our worldly undertakings. The secrets of our success are supplied by the tutelary deities, and the Dharmapálas protect us by driving away the evil spirits from our neighbourhood. Let all the dangers and accidents to life that await us be averted! Listen to our prayers, and in return for the service we have rendered to you grant us health, wealth and all that the married couple may be in need of. O extend your helping hands to them at all times!”

Those who wait at the second stage raise a bower of green branches and leaves of trees for receiving the bride. Here a fire is kept burning and water boiling in a large cauldron. This is called the *thab-so* (keeping of the hearth). A kid is kept tied to a post at the entrance of the bower. Two or three long bamboo bottles called *pádün*, filled with water and decorated with wreaths of flowers, are also kept outside the entrance of the bower. Here the bridal party is regaled with *chang* and tea.

The last place where the bridal party is given the most cordial welcome is the *tangra* (outer courtyard) of the bridegroom's house. Here a man waits with a wooden tray containing the *chang-ki yang-tse* (a large cup full of wine) on the brim of which are stuck five crumbs of buttered barley called the *yaga*, a quantity of *chemar* (butter and barley flour mixed together), and the *dah-dar* (amrw with the five-coloured flags at its pinnacle). The bridal party as they enter the courtyard touch the wine and other articles at the entrance.

In the bridegroom's house his mother makes the necessary arrangement for the reception of the bride and the *kün-don* (bridal party). She

prepares the marriage-cake service, called the *ama-kha-don* (mother's first entertainment). This consists of cooked rice, buttered barley flour, a ball of butter, cakes and some fruits. In a separate vessel is kept the food intended for the bride, which she is to taste first according to the directions of the astrologer.

The *Tashi-kyi-Lámá*, who has constructed some fancy cakes painted with coloured butter for offering to the gods and the spirits of the ten quarters, now draws some mystic figures on a small table for the *yang-gag* (invoking the goddess of luck and fortune). A priest with a sacred book in his arms stands behind the door to touch the head of the bride with it as she enters the room. He must not stay there after doing his work. The *pag-pon* will beat him with a stick if he finds the priest lurking there. The object of touching the head of the bride with a sacred book is to prevent any evil spirit that may have come with the bride from entering the house. If the priest fails to touch her he is severely punished. At this time a gun (generally a matchlock) is fired to frighten the evil spirit so that he may run away as quickly as possible.

Then the *kún-don*, headed by the *pag-pon*, take their respective seats. The *Tashi-kyi-Lámá* sits at the top of the central row of seats. When they are served with tea and *chang*, the *ama-kha-don* is brought and placed before them. The *pha-pon* (who on the preceding day acted the part of the *kún-chan* or thief) now dressed like a chief comes forward to address the assembly, on behalf of the mother of the bridegroom, and tells them that everything has been arranged according to the custom of the country, and that the *ama-kha-don* has been placed before them for their acceptance. Then the *don-ñer* (receiver of guests), as the representative of the father of the bridegroom, presenting compliments, inquires of the health of the *kún-don* if they have not been much fatigued on account of the journey, the difficulty of passage and the want of bridges over the hill torrents, &c. The *pag-pon* replies to his queries in polite language. After some conversation and exchange of congratulations they begin to refresh themselves with tea and *chang*. Dainty dishes are served to them at noon, or a little after. This day is called the *dóng-chang* at the bridegroom's house. All the provisions required for the entertainment on this day are supplied by the sister and brother-in-law of the bridegroom. If they be poor the bridegroom's parents meet the expenses. The *pha-pon*, who while performing the part of the *kún-chan* had suffered so many indignities from the hands of the bride's female friends, now receives his reward. He is furnished with presents in money, rice, barley flour, meat and *chang*.

On the second day of entertainment, which is called *chang-tháng-chenpo*, the relations and neighbours of the bridegroom assemble together when

a sumptuous dinner is served to them. Before touching the food, one of them invokes the gods, demi-gods, Buddhas, Bodhisattvas and the guardian spirits to protect the married couple. Then the *Tashi-kyi-Lama* recites the grace.

MARRIAGE CUSTOMS, &C., OF LADAK.

After the "betrothal" ceremony has been performed, a month or two is usually allowed to elapse before the wedding takes place, though sometimes a year or more passes between the time of betrothal and the time of marriage. When a day has been fixed for the marriage, the procedure is as follows:—On the day fixed, the relatives (*nien*) of the bride (*pakma*) assemble at the bride's house and those of the bridegroom (*pakphe*) at the bridegroom's house. At nightfall the bridegroom goes with five or seven of his friends (*ngiápa*) to the bride's house, he finds the outer door (*gidzgho*) of the yard (*stara*) shut, and guarded by male relatives of the bride, he gives a few rupees to them, and they then allow him to enter, but when passing between this gate and the door leading into the house itself (*gidzghoi nángkuk*) he is surrounded by the bride's female relatives, who pretend to be angry, and beat him with small sticks. To these also the bridegroom has to give a few rupees, and he is then allowed to enter the house. The bridegroom, with his friends, is then feasted by the bride's relatives, but the bride does not appear. Much *chang* drinking, music and dancing is indulged in, till about 1 or 2 o'clock the next morning, when the best-man (*ngidthcel-pu*) or (*ngidthrit-pu*), accompanied by some of the older male relatives of the bridegroom, goes to the kitchen (*makhang*) in company with the parents and relatives of the bride. The bridegroom and the rest of his party do not go to the kitchen.

The guests take their seats in the kitchen, and each one puts his drinking cup (*norey*) on the ground in front of him, and *chang* is then handed round by a male relative of the bride's, accompanied by one of the female relatives, who has a stick in one hand. The latter takes up the cup of each guest in turn and fills it, and if the guest fail to drink freely, she beats him. This ceremony is called *nanchang*, or insistence *chang*. During this time a ceremony known as *thohloo* is taking place, it is enacted by two old men, one being a relative of the bride, and the other a relative of the bridegroom. First, the relative of the bride gets up and sings a sonnet in praise of the bridegroom; the other old man must then get up and reply, by singing a similar sonnet in praise of the bride, after which the first man again sings, and so for two or three times; if either singer fails to reply to the other, he has to give the other party a few rupees, or a goat, &c. At this time the bride's parents stretch a rope across the room, and on it they hang all the clothes, ornaments, &c., which constitute the trousseau of the bride, any cash there may be as a dot is counted and placed in a box. These clothes, &c., are called *raktak*. A list of the articles is then made out; it is called *songgek*, and is carefully kept, as a record of all the fine things given on the occasion. The best-man then takes possession of the *raktak* and remarks that it is getting late, and that he would be glad if the bride could be made over to him.

The bride's relatives then protest that they don't know where the bride is, as her girl friends (*yátó-dzámo*) have hidden her. The best man has to give a few rupees to the *yátó-dzámo*, who then produce the bride, who is in a flood of tears (often genuine), and lead her up to her mother. The bride then embraces the feet

of her mother, father, brothers, and other relatives, after which the best-man puts on the bride's head a hat called "*sham skor-i-teebi*" (with very broad brim, fur lined underneath, and velvet covered above), and over that he fastens a "*khatak*" or scarf of salutation, and then the bride's mother's brother (*Ashang*) takes the bride upon his back and carries her out to the "*giázho*," where a horse is in waiting for her. The first to leave the bride's house is the *ngiátheet-pa* (best-man) who is followed by the *ngiápa* (bride's relatives), then comes the bridegroom's relatives, then comes the bride (*pakma*), who has not yet been seen or spoken to, on that day, by the bridegroom, and the rear is brought up by the bride's friends, musicians and spectators. As the wedding party passes by other villages, on its way to the bridegroom's house, the villagers come out with offerings of satoo, ghee, &c., called "*kulchor*." The *ngiothee-pa* touches these offerings and remits them, and gives a small present to the person bringing them.

On arrival at the bridegroom's house, the door is found open, and in front of it are some *Lámás* (priests).

The bridegroom and his party dismount, and beg the bride to dismount; she weeping all the time, refuses to do so, but eventually the bridegroom's friends give her a present of a horse or a rupee or two, according to their wealth, and she then dismounts. Bride and bridegroom then stand up in front of the *Lámás*, with clasped hands and bowed heads, and certain prayers are read. The prayer-book is held by a novice or *Lámá* of low rank, and the *llo-bon*, or head *Lámá* reads from it. While doing so, he holds in his left hand a bell (*treelon*) and a small drum (*daroo*), and in his right hand, a sceptre (*dorje*) and some grains of rice and barley. He rings the bell and sounds the drum with his left hand, and with the right he scatters the grain over the heads of the young couple. The bridal party then enter the bridegroom's house where they find two mystic signs, traced by the *Lámás* in barley or other grain, on the floor. On one of these the bride sits, and on the other the bridegroom.

Between them is placed a measure, filled with grain in which is an arrow standing up and having a small pinnacle of clarified butter affixed to its top. The bridegroom's mother then offers *chang* to the bride and bridegroom, after which a *Lámá* comes and sprinkles them with holy water. This completes the religious part of the ceremony. The bridegroom, with all the males of the party, then goes to another room where dancing and merriment takes place. The bride with all the women of the party remains behind. After remaining a while, watching the dancing, the bridegroom is permitted to retire and rejoice his bride. During the whole of the next day, the merriment is kept up, and in the afternoon the bride, dressed out in all her best, and wearing all the jewels she possesses, comes out with her husband and walks round to shew herself off. She has to dance with the ladies of the party, and the bridegroom with the men. Having done this, they are at liberty to retire. The feasting is kept up that night, and the next day the guests go off to their respective homes. For seven days, bride and bridegroom remain in their house, but on the eighth day they must start on a journey, to make their bow to all their relatives. Having performed this duty, they return to their home, and begin their ordinary married life.¹

Then the bridegroom and the bride are seated on two square cushions placed side by side touching each other, and the wedding vow is solemnly

¹ Captain Ramsay's "*Western Tibetan Dictionary*," pp. 97 and 98.

administered to them. The bridegroom accepts the bride as his, and she accepts him as hers. To this the gods and the spirits of the ten quarters, the saints, Buddhas, &c., are all invoked to bear testimony. Then the *don-ñer* coming out of the wedding-hall loudly proclaims to all present on the occasion and assembled in the courtyard, that he (the bridegroom) born of such a family and such a tribe, is married to her (the bride) born of such a family and such a tribe and to this union the gods above, the *Nagas* below, *i. e.*, from their abodes in the nether world, and the spirits of the middle region, *i. e.*, atmosphere, bear witness.

When this is finished fresh *chang* is poured from a jug in two cups, and presented to the bride and bridegroom. As soon as they have taken a sip or two of this *chang*, the parents of the bridegroom lift their respective wine cups to their lips to drink, when the guests follow their example. At noon the *Tashi-kyi Lama*, who has been conducting certain religious service in an adjoining room, brings the auspicious offerings prepared for the gods to be touched by the married couple. He recites a few benedictory *mantras* in order to bless them, and then touches their heads with the offerings and the *dah-dar*. The bride reverentially receives the tray containing the offerings together with the *dah-dar* from the hands of the *Tashi-kyi Lama*, and places them on her lap. The offerings are carefully preserved, being placed on the altar of the household god. In the meantime the guests one by one come forward to present the *ba-dar*, *i. e.*, the auspicious scarf of marriage, each with a rupee in his hand, to the bridegroom, bride, and the principal members of the bridal party, headed by the *pag-pon*, the best-man, who gets the largest share of presents. On this occasion the *Tashi-kyi Lama* whose part resembles that of a *Purohit* in a Hindu marriage, is required to make the largest present to the best-man. It is therefore commonly said that religious men, *i. e.*, priests and *Lamas*, should not attend a marriage ceremony, they had better be present at a funeral ceremony (*"Lámá choipa-de-tsho pag-ma lan sar-mando mi shi sar-do"*); because in a funeral ceremony all the effects of the deceased go to the *Lámá*, whereas in a marriage ceremony, he has to make considerable presents, instead of receiving anything in return for his services.

After the presentation of *ba-dar*, the distribution of uncooked meat, rice, *chang*, &c., in the way of remuneration to those who took part in the marriage, takes place. When this is over the grand feast takes place.

The dinner is commenced with the *don-ñer* saying as follows:—

"According to the common saying of our country, on the occasion of birth, and that of giving a name to a child, drinking of wine is the chief entertainment, but in a marriage ceremony drinking alone is not sufficient. It must be supplemented by a feast of more substantial kind

than drinking," i. e., a heavy dinner is essential to add to the merriment of a marriage. Then meat and rice are served in large quantities to all those present on the occasion. According to the common usage the largest share of meat is generally given to the best-man, next to him the *tha-pon's* claim is taken into consideration, inasmuch as they had taken the largest share of trouble in the marriage.

The last day of *chang-thung* called the *chang-ser*, the day of golden drink, is marked in Sikkim by music and dancing, which is kept up during the whole day. It is indeed a day of merriment and revelry. Bacchanalians are sung each time the party go to refresh themselves with *chang*. It is said that in ancient times the marriage festivities used to be kept up for nine days and nine nights, but in these degenerate times the moral merits of the human race having diminished, the festive period has been reduced to three days. Then at the last stage of revelry when they have drunk to their heart's content, they finish the dance of marriage, each pulling one another's ears, and disperse. The married couple then retire.

One year after the ceremony of *chang-thung*, the bridegroom with his wife visits his father-in-law's home. The ceremony observed on this occasion is called the *pag-lóg* (return of the bride to her father's place), when new presents are made to the married couple by the parents of the bride. This completes the marriage ceremonies of the Sikkimese.

V.—*Measurements of Cingalese Moormen and Tamils taken at Ceylon in November 1892.*—By the HON'BLE H. H. RISLEY, C.I.E.

The following measurements of the three most numerous and characteristic races of Ceylon were taken in accordance with my instructions, and under my supervision, by Civil Hospital Assistant, Babu Kumud Behari Samanta, whom the Asiatic Society deputed to accompany me for this purpose on a recent tour in Ceylon. The instruments used were those recommended by Dr. Paul Topinard; the methods followed and the measurements adopted were based upon his work "*Les Elements d'Anthropologie Générale*," and upon personal advice from him and Professor Flower of the British Museum. In a later number of the *Journal* I shall attempt to give some account of the races in question, and to indicate briefly the conclusions which the measurements seem to suggest.

Measurements of 56 Tamils

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Serial numbers.	Name.	Caste.	Sub-caste, or sub-tribe endogamous.	Section, or sept exogamous.	District of birth.	Age.	Measurement round chest.	Measurement with extended arms.	Height.	Height sitting.	Height kneeling.	Height lower end of gladius.	Weight in pounds.	Cephalic length.	Cephalic breadth.	Cephalic index.
1	Sevanan ...	Parayan	...	...	Tinnevely S. India.	30	830	1620	1677	830	1165	1242	105	170	139	77.6
2	Mutenchati	Wellale	...	...	do.	30	760	1740	1700	808	1267	1260	114	166	146	78.4
3	Podisen ..	Parayan	...	...	Trichinopoly S. India.	30	780	1890	1840	802	1140	1150	...	180	141	77.3
4	Paranti ...	do.	...	...	Dekoya Ceylon.	25	860	1754	1620	840	1210	1220	...	191	140	73.2
5	Palanu ...	do.	...	...	Tondaman S. India.	35	810	1740	1650	810	1228	1240	...	190	144	75.7
6	Pachia ...	do.	...	...	Karavagala Co. te, S. India	40	845	1778	1624	826	1178	1184	118	188	146	77.6
7	Pannusami ...	do.	...	...	Warderkobil S. India.	27	835	1702	1594	824	1180	1196	111	187	146	79.0
8	Pannusami ...	Agamboty	...	...	Madura S. India.	30	805	1676	1620	800	1200	1226	111	181	143	79.0
9	Handi ..	do.	...	...	do.	35	840	1834	1706	840	1220	1232	119	181	144	79.5
10	Chulan ...	Parayan	...	...	Pathucota S. India.	32	820	1765	1648	822	1204	1224	109	184	118	80.4
11	Armogom ...	Beliala.	...	...	Trichinopoly S. India.	40	810	1620	1524	842	1168	1194	107	187	139	74.2
12	Marugar ...	Parayan	...	...	Aikadu S. India.	28	830	1650	1560	770	1140	1181	103	191	139	72.7
13	Kulan ..	Sakilian	...	...	Alanadu S. India.	34	875	1834	1688	830	1228	1282	124	191	147	76.9
14	Kolanda ..	Edian ...	...	...	Maradachilla S. India.	30	795	1624	1614	820	1200	1194	102	180	148	82.2
15	Kandrewal ...	Parayan	...	...	Trichinopoly S. India.	28	845	1774	1634	774	1186	1222	106	191	141	73.8
16	Peran ...	Perien ..	...	...	Putekudu S. India.	30	830	1770	1660	802	1212	1274	111	166	149	80.1
17	Luchman ...	do.	...	...	Tinnevely S. India.	30	850	1720	1600	812	1174	1194	112	184	137	74.4
18	Fanini ...	Kalen ..	...	...	Oncoote S. India.	25	810	1666	1546	776	1172	1164	95	181	145	80.1
19	Kalienti ...	Tamulta	...	...	Madras S. India.	40	830	1700	1628	834	1194	1210	110	184	144	78.2
20	Mutai ...	Sadla ...	...	...	Katpali S. India.	38	845	1782	1618	816	1186	1214	109	178	136	76.4
21	Kopondi ...	Palai ...	...	...	Chalgange S. India.	30	835	1660	1532	756	1116	1146	98	176	138	78.4
22	Chowal ...	Pellé ..	...	...	Alangacote S. India.	30	815	1604	1688	774	1162	1196	94	173	147	84.9
23	Pararhé ...	Kalla ..	...	...	Konappati S. India.	25	835	1660	1600	810	1194	1210	106	189	142	75.1
24	Klana Swami	Pellé ...	...	...	Tanjore S. India	40	800	1672	1602	802	1188	1240	...	181	143	79.0
25	Sewsa Swami	Naran ...	...	...	Trichinopoly S. India.	25	880	1846	1706	846	1266	1280	...	190	159	73.1
26	Jaka ...	do. ..	...	...	Tinnevely S. India.	35	860	1714	1670	798	1168	1172	...	190	134	70.5
27	Aptom ...	do. ..	...	...	do.	40	845	1708	1668	872	1234	1238	...	192	164	85.4
28	Mute Swami	Pellé ..	...	...	Chowranda S. India.	35	845	1738	1630	858	1216	1288	112	189	150	79.3
29	Manke ..	Konar ...	...	...	Palachari S. India.	38	810	1663	1604	806	1168	1200	108	181	143	78.0

taken in Ceylon in November 1892.

18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Bi-maxillary or bi-goniathe breadth.	Maximum bi-zygomatic breadth.	Maxillary-zygomatic index.	Nasal height.	Nasal width.	Nasal index.	Binalar breadth.	Naso-malar breadth.	Naso-malar index.	Height front vertex to inter-aural point.	Height from vertex to tragus.	Height from vertex to chin.	Facial angle.	Length of fore-arm.	Length of left foot.	Length of middle finger of left hand.	Maximum breadth of hips.	Maximum breadth of shoulders.
100	136	73.5	47	38	80.8	113	124	112.3	91	133	215	65	430	215	105	283	388
100	131	76.3	44	37	84.0	109	124	113.7	101	130	230	67	467	254	108	283	400
95	127	74.8	45	38	80.0	93	106	113.9	89	132	208	65	436	254	113	378	423
101	127	79.6	49	40	83.3	107	126	117.7	96	130	218	65	460	247	120	290	402
107	133	77.5	46	38	82.0	102	116	113.7	90	135	214	66	457	257	105	268	376
110	136	80.6	48	38	79.1	98	112	114.2	95	133	210	67	477	247	114	257	386
98	137	71.5	47	35	74.4	101	114	112.8	90	135	225	60	446	231	103	257	397
101	126	80.1	44	44	100.0	94	102	106.3	100	136	228	58	447	234	112	287	385
101	135	74.8	48	40	83.3	106	114	107.5	100	131	230	68	483	263	119	271	425
101	131	77.0	46	40	86.9	97	116	119.5	94	131	220	66	457	243	117	276	397
96	127	75.5	45	37	82.2	92	106	115.2	92	129	221	67	451	256	112	283	378
100	129	77.5	47	42	89.3	102	114	111.7	92	136	226	62	445	242	107	254	364
111	133	83.4	44	38	86.3	104	118	113.4	100	140	222	68	492	255	115	267	412
101	125	80.8	48	41	85.4	94	100	112.7	95	140	216	62	444	247	113	271	378
101	132	76.5	43	38	88.3	107	120	112.1	87	190	211	70	494	253	116	258	377
102	131	77.8	44	39	89.6	101	114	112.8	96	120	216	66	471	246	116	262	387
95	123	74.2	42	38	90.4	97	108	111.3	99	139	210	70	467	238	107	271	412
99	127	77.0	44	39	86.3	92	102	110.8	93	135	225	63	451	222	97	221	377
104	138	75.3	45	37	82.2	99	110	111.1	99	137	225	65	473	240	109	263	392
92	128	71.8	46	40	68.9	95	108	113.6	82	130	215	62	477	248	112	252	370
94	121	77.6	45	36	80.0	95	102	107.3	87	129	218	68	453	223	110	255	390
96	128	75.0	44	38	81.8	97	108	111.3	90	137	209	68	465	250	110	250	374
101	130	77.3	45	41	91.1	95	106	111.5	85	135	212	70	468	242	111	245	379
105	131	80.1	48	41	85.4	97	114	117.5	82	130	213	68	455	244	106	290	383
100	127	78.7	39	37	94.8	94	104	109.4	92	128	213	68	495	258	118	258	411
106	131	80.9	45	40	88.6	94	108	114.9	95	122	218	60	448	248	117	246	409
97	139	69.7	53	45	81.1	101	112	110.8	93	146	227	72	473	256	112	278	396
106	124	85.4	43	42	97.6	95	104	109.4	97	129	212	69	470	225	114	268	380
99	133	74.4	44	41	93.1	93	104	111.8	95	134	205	69	457	243	111	225	377

Measurements of 56 Tamils

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Serial number.	Name.	Caste.	Sub-caste, or sub-tribe endogamous.	Section, or septi exogamous.	District of birth.	Age.	Measurement round chest.	Measurement with extended arms.	Height.	Height sitting.	Height kneeling.	Height lower end of gladius.	Weight in pounds.	Cephalic length.	Cephalic breadth.	Cephalic index.
30	Beronuter ...	Parachadi	...	...	Peromboor ... S. India.	30	820	1688	1596	808	1176	1176	108	183	138	75.4
31	Kamde Swami	Hagam- budi.	...	...	Parancoti ... S. India.	38	802	1684	1628	836	1188	1188	118	188	152	80.8
32	Ramaswami	Agampota	...	...	Madura ... S. India.	30	840	1668	1610	850	1176	1208	119	196	150	76.5
33	Tanti ...	do.	...	...	Madacheure ... S. India.	30	865	1800	1736	838	1270	1292	131	186	150	80.6
34	Mutoko ...	Bellalé	...	...	Puducota ... S. India.	30	870	1670	1872	802	1162	1152	121	188	147	78.1
35	Alege ...	Salkial	...	...	Morde ... S. India.	40	720	1520	1502	744	1100	1136	92	179	139	77.6
36	Ariande ...	Parayan	...	...	Puducota ... S. India.	30	825	1732	1662	814	1228	1244	107	188	132	79.7
37	Rumandi ...	Kallam	...	...	Tanakamkelan ... S. India.	25	815	1674	1602	820	1212	1267	107	180	135	72.5
38	Mutsen ...	Naiké	...	...	Pallin ... S. India.	25	780	1694	1628	812	1102	1220	106	176	147	83.5
39	Chelle ...	Parayan	...	...	Tondapoti ... S. India.	40	740	1496	1500	750	1100	1152	100	179	185	75.4
40	Ochmal ...	Batu	...	...	Palancota ... S. India.	30	795	1608	1630	824	1194	1192	...	184	137	74.4
41	Ispodinada ...	Sanan	...	...	Bagbandi ... S. India.	30	820	1676	1644	760	1142	1142	...	190	132	64.9
42	Kapan ...	Pallan	...	...	Purtur ... S. India.	40	765	1638	1540	798	1150	1142	...	180	138	76.6
43	Towasi ...	Parayan	...	...	Palancota ... S. India.	35	820	1600	1612	798	1194	1198	...	191	143	74.8
44	Marian ...	do.	...	...	Trinevally ... S. India.	26	790	1700	1670	838	1238	1224	...	180	150	83.3
45	Ram Swami	Marapole	...	...	Wadakongco- long S. India.	26	785	1668	1628	822	1182	1210	...	187	145	77.5
46	Sanial ...	Nara	...	...	Naganari ... S. India.	28	790	1676	1604	834	1200	1206	...	176	140	79.5
47	Narmalinga	Bellalé	...	...	Colombo ... Ceylon.	26	770	1694	1676	818	1226	1254	...	180	145	78.3
48	Sonagalliam	Parayan	...	...	Trinevally ... S. India.	30	830	1670	1612	824	1178	1198	...	182	145	79.6
49	Ored ...	do.	...	...	do.	30	855	1768	1718	870	1248	1262	...	186	142	76.3
50	Sangliell ...	Sakli	...	...	Ravenagar ... Ceylon.	40	850	1874	1708	850	1236	1260	...	190	146	76.8
51	Ram Swami	Parayan	...	...	Palancota ... S. India.	30	800	1700	1664	852	1252	1254	...	191	146	76.4
52	Sepan ...	Edayan	...	...	Trinevally ... S. India.	28	750	1551	1520	760	1112	1136	...	105	137	88.0
53	Kumar Swami	Bellalé	...	...	do.	28	800	1780	1640	830	1212	1210	...	185	153	82.7
54	Enapares ...	Nara	...	...	do.	35	830	1640	1620	846	1190	1192	...	182	141	77.4
55	Narain ...	Bellalé	...	...	Tanjore ... S. India.	30	750	1588	1540	798	1158	1158	...	181	146	80.6
56	Ram Swami	Bata	...	...	Trinevally ... S. India.	45	845	1870	1800	854	1290	1135	...	180	150	83.3
Average ...						821.3	1696.2	1666.7	816.5	1191.9	1209.3	108.6	184.2	143.2	77.7	

taken in Ceylon in November 1892.

18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Bi-maxillary or bi-gonific breadth.	Maximum bi-zygomatic breadth.	Maxillary-zygomatic index.	Nasal height.	Nasal width.	Nasal index.	Bimalar breadth.	Naso-malar breadth.	Naso-malar index.	Height from vertex to interpericary point.	Height from vertex to tragus.	Height from vertex to chin.	Facial angle.	Length of fore-arm.	Length of left foot.	Length of middle finger of left hand.	Maximum breadth of hips.	Maximum breadth of shoulders.
91	127	71.0	45	36	80.0	94	106	112.7	89	130	212	64	463	250	110	267	394
105	136	77.2	45	44	97.7	90	110	111.1	91	130	220	67	462	255	113	267	390
110	134	82.0	46	40	86.9	100	108	108.0	90	134	220	60	456	252	114	272	374
116	141	82.2	47	42	89.3	101	112	110.8	103	142	235	67	505	263	127	276	401
108	135	90.5	46	38	77.5	103	112	108.7	96	125	229	60	462	244	111	274	379
96	123	78.0	43	39	90.6	92	108	117.3	90	124	206	67	426	223	100	226	339
111	131	84.7	47	36	76.5	91	100	109.8	100	139	221	68	462	246	116	267	383
96	125	76.0	45	38	84.4	98	108	110.2	102	129	222	61	442	241	103	242	406
105	127	82.6	42	35	83.9	99	108	100.0	97	134	216	65	460	247	112	250	362
95	121	77.8	41	38	92.8	97	106	109.2	86	124	198	65	412	242	105	252	342
101	131	77.0	43	43	100	94	104	110.6	85	125	225	65	471	249	114	261	379
106	129	82.1	47	36	76.5	96	106	110.3	80	136	211	73	467	239	109	258	382
87	121	71.9	41	42	102.4	97	106	109.2	90	123	208	64	443	236	112	256	363
107	135	79.3	46	41	85.4	95	106	111.5	94	120	218	68	370	237	113	249	389
96	121	73.2	43	38	79.1	98	108	110.2	88	130	218	63	462	248	108	261	387
100	131	70.6	42	37	88.0	96	106	110.4	84	127	207	67	455	245	106	259	368
94	123	76.4	45	41	91.1	90	98	108.8	80	126	209	66	454	241	117	232	381
102	132	77.2	49	37	75.5	101	108	106.9	91	120	212	66	468	250	114	243	349
98	130	75.3	45	40	89.8	96	106	110.4	92	129	215	70	465	243	112	250	404
107	130	82.3	49	37	75.5	97	104	107.2	85	135	226	66	468	262	116	279	408
111	135	82.2	53	44	83.0	105	116	110.4	90	130	233	69	505	267	112	275	403
104	131	79.3	50	34	68.0	94	110	116.9	100	147	217	57	470	250	118	255	374
88	123	71.5	44	40	90.9	85	100	117.6	94	134	210	63	428	226	101	224	346
100	132	75.7	48	38	79.1	97	106	109.2	84	140	215	68	469	223	105	238	392
99	131	75.5	50	35	70.0	98	112	114.2	87	134	223	65	451	246	111	258	396
97	125	77.6	49	38	77.5	93	100	107.5	87	121	213	63	437	229	106	240	369
109	133	81.9	51	36	70.5	99	100	111.1	100	120	231	62	518	279	115	260	407
101.0	126.3	76.7	45.9	38.5	83.8	97.6	108.9	111.4	92.0	131.4	217.5	65.9	459.9	245.9	110.4	260.6	385.2

Measurements of 22 Moormen

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Serial number.	Name.	Caste.	Sub-caste, or sub-tribe endogamous.	Section, or sept exogamous.	District of birth.	Age.	Measurement round chest.	Measurement with extended arms.	Height.	Height sitting.	Height kneeling.	Height lower end of gladiolus.	Weight in pounds.	Cephalic length.	Cephalic breadth.	Cephalic index.
1	Aboubaker ... Sultan.	Moor ...	...	...	Colombo ...	35	870	1750	1680	804	1233	1216	...	191	148	77.4
2	Miski ...	do.	...	...	do	27	850	1726	1640	821	1202	1214	...	177	131	74.0
3	Mooralam ...	do.	...	...	do.	30	730	1544	1549	704	1200	1132	...	181	140	82.3
4	Shafkh Mamu	do.	...	...	Tanjore S. India.	25	770	1636	1616	770	1178	1244	...	176	142	80.6
5	Takir ...	do.	...	...	Colombo ...	23	820	1712	1610	786	1162	1224	...	191	138	72.2
6	Shafkh Jum	do.	...	...	do.	25	770	1751	1600	830	1220	1244	...	181	140	80.6
7	Shafkh Katoun	do.	...	...	Tinnevely S. India.	35	850	1852	1724	806	1246	1320	...	170	145	82.3
8	Sinon ...	do.	...	...	Colombo ...	26	770	1642	1604	720	1182	1210	...	181	140	82.3
9	Mandi Nayna	do.	...	...	Kalapore S. India.	25	830	1720	1642	854	1236	1236	...	188	140	74.4
10	Muhamad ...	do.	...	...	Colombo ...	25	790	1720	1690	850	1236	1250	...	182	142	78.0
11	Nather Shabeb.	do.	...	...	Salam S. India.	40	840	1612	1584	320	1188	1182	...	184	143	77.7
12	Marasa ...	do.	...	...	Colombo ...	25	880	1730	1690	850	1232	1280	...	183	143	78.1
13	Adumi ...	do.	...	...	do.	25	770	1726	1674	816	1220	1264	...	178	140	79.5
14	Hyder Hosain	do.	...	...	Malabar S. India.	35	840	1663	1580	804	1552	1170	...	193	133	68.9
15	Cuhl ...	do.	...	...	Colombo ...	26	800	1712	1694	842	1206	1222	...	177	142	80.2
16	Salema Cebe	do.	...	...	do.	25	720	1630	1574	790	1162	1182	...	178	144	80.8
17	Hosaini ...	do.	...	...	do.	30	880	1806	1684	846	1230	1284	...	193	150	77.7
18	Kasim ...	do.	...	...	do.	30	840	1654	1592	821	1178	1184	...	169	140	82.8
19	Saldahamid...	do.	...	...	Tundi S. India.	35	860	1692	1550	812	1182	1196	...	186	150	80.6
20	Fakir ...	do.	...	...	Colombo ...	25	800	1650	1581	794	1153	1192	...	173	135	80.5
21	Abdool ...	do.	...	...	do.	26	860	1800	1752	874	1278	1306	...	182	153	83.6
22	Asonlobe ...	do.	Mollalim S. India.	40	850	1622	1510	782	1134	1112	...	180	147	81.6
Average ...						31.7	817.7	1699	1625	815.8	1200.6	1221	...	182.0	144	79.1

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Bi-maxillary or bi-gonial breadth.	Maximum bi-zygomatic breadth.	Maxillary-zygomatic index.	Nasal height.	Nasal width.	Nasal index.	Bimalar breadth.	Naso-malar breadth.	Naso-malar index.	Height from vertex to interpericiliary point.	Height from vertex to tergos.	Height from vertex to chin.	Facial angle.	Length of fore-arm.	Length of left foot.	Length of middle finger of left hand.	Maximum breadth of hips.	Maximum breadth of shoulders.
106	137	77.8	48	42	87.5	108	116	107.4	88	127	220	66	468	261	118	267	408
102	139	73.3	48	40	83.3	99	110	111.1	87	123	226	58	465	258	115	259	406
95	130	78.0	49	41	83.6	100	110	110.0	89	119	207	67	425	236	106	237	363
105	123	85.3	50	38	93.4	95	106	110.5	97	133	227	64	446	240	107	244	363
98	125	78.4	50	42	84.0	97	114	117.5	80	129	211	67	400	247	114	246	366
110	140	78.5	47	33	70.2	111	124	111.7	94	124	217	69	463	256	113	255	394
110	130	84.0	46	36	78.3	98	106	108.1	92	123	222	66	403	269	115	270	415
103	131	78.6	52	41	78.8	98	108	110.2	85	134	208	66	447	245	110	244	385
101	133	75.9	49	38	77.5	102	120	117.6	95	137	223	67	460	250	113	250	396
95	124	76.6	43	42	87.5	102	114	111.7	100	140	232	68	405	250	115	224	363
110	136	80.8	43	41	95.3	94	100	108.3	91	139	214	63	444	235	107	262	372
107	138	77.5	43	37	77.0	105	112	108.6	97	124	219	66	403	257	115	258	400
99	123	80.4	51	36	70.5	94	104	110.6	98	135	220	70	460	267	108	240	373
97	123	78.8	45	36	80.0	91	106	116.4	94	134	221	71	440	232	102	260	384
93	123	75.6	50	31	63.0	97	114	117.5	79	123	202	69	454	243	103	257	366
102	130	78.4	50	40	80.0	99	110	111.1	79	142	217	61	430	237	100	237	359
101	135	74.8	50	40	80.0	98	106	108.1	84	118	219	71	478	261	117	260	416
98	124	70.0	47	36	76.5	92	104	113.0	95	118	210	65	443	233	100	246	384
102	133	76.6	47	40	85.1	98	114	116.3	85	137	220	68	437	236	106	243	380
93	131	70.9	42	39	92.8	94	104	110.6	84	139	219	66	453	246	109	232	363
105	137	76.6	51	39	86.6	100	108	108.0	91	135	222	62	475	249	110	259	400
107	131	81.6	50	40	80.0	96	110	114.5	80	127	203	67	437	251	105	257	390
101.7	136.7	74.3	47.7	38.5	80.7	98.5	110	111.6	89.0	130.2	217.2	64.4	455.6	247.2	109.4	250.4	386.5

Measurement of 56 Singalese

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Serial number.	Name.	Caste.	Sub-caste, or sub-tribe endogamous.	Section, or sept exogamous.	District of birth.	Age.	Measurement round chest.	Measurement with extended arms.	Height.	Height sitting.	Height kneeling.	Height lower end of gladius.	Weight in pounds.	Cephalic length.	Cephalic breadth.	Cephalic index.
1	Tegisapuhani	Golgomá		A	Colombo	45	820	1710	1667	880	1230	1220	...	185	148	80.0
2	Jusiapu	..	Kárávo	B	Panadu	28	780	1620	1574	823	1165	1185	...	184	144	78.2
3	Adrian	...	Golgomá	C	Matra	30	850	1680	1661	886	1240	1240	...	191	146	75.9
4	Jakolls	...	do.	D	Colombo	30	850	1800	1710	873	1260	1270	...	185	143	77.2
5	Ellasappu	...	do.		do.	25	850	1740	1675	865	1228	1310	...	197	133	68.5
6	Charles	...	Nakati		Galle	28	810	1730	1668	870	1233	1300	...	183	145	79.2
7	Abraungapu	Golgomá		E	Colombo	42	850	1600	1620	869	1195	1220	...	183	140	76.5
8	Piris	...	do.		Abisawella	30	870	1790	1681	885	1850	1248	...	202	142	70.2
9	Somaranark	do.			Galle	42	800	1540	1595	857	1183	1190	...	179	152	84.9
10	Jonapu	...	do.	F	Colombo	25	820	1680	1600	845	1220	1240	...	173	150	86.7
11	Netoris	...	Nakati	G	Tangal	28	810	1710	1713	890	1235	1290	...	171	136	79.5
12	Abiashami	...	Golgomá		Matara	35	770	1810	1709	844	1260	1270	...	178	145	81.4
13	Andris	...	do.	H	do.	35	800	1650	1591	845	1178	1190	...	183	148	80.8
14	Kirinaldó	...	do.	I	Colombo	35	825	1745	1700	844	1244	1255	...	187	146	79.1
15	Pudisinh	...	do.	J	do.	30	800	1600	1528	798	1146	1130	...	171	142	83.0
16	Seodoris	...	Radhare	K	Galle	25	700	1630	1610	806	1166	1198	...	182	150	82.4
17	Karalsano	...	Nowandan	L	Colombo	30	815	1678	1616	780	1180	1194	...	193	142	73.5
18	Batapu	...	Golgomá	M	do.	40	790	1712	1640	836	1200	1220	...	179	140	78.2
19	Devi	...	do.	N	do	30	875	1810	1712	896	1272	1254	...	185	153	82.7
20	Tonissapu	...	Alagamá	O	do	30	740	1658	1570	770	1164	1164	...	177	151	85.0
21	Sangalliam	Golgomá		P	do.	35	865	1770	1710	886	1276	1244	...	197	144	73.0
22	Konesperis	...	do		Bavanagar	32	830	1690	1576	772	1170	1170	...	191	136	72.9
23	Publiash	...	do.		Colombo	25	785	1604	1563	800	1174	1182	...	182	138	75.8
24	Patualnh	...	do.	Q	do.	30	815	1748	1712	835	1268	1206	...	192	148	77.0
25	Indikapu	...	do.	D	do.	45	820	1608	1684	802	1180	1148	...	183	141	77.0
26	Antonis	...	Jolam	E	do.	26	770	1700	1678	780	1170	1162	...	185	145	78.3
27	Aglis	...	Radhare	S	do.	30	790	1692	1604	803	1192	1221	...	176	147	83.5
28	Bhaudra	...	Golgomá	T	Kandy	25	790	1630	1624	840	1200	1223	...	196	146	75.0
29	Hemdikapu	...	do.	U	Colombo	30	780	1686	1683	780	1140	1164	...	180	184	74.4

Velátúaráchigé.
I Lamasaidilágé.
Q Wanapu kangergé.

B Pálamándádilágé.
J Boialisinhalegé.
R Tamolegé.

C Senáráyekgé.
K Jalratnagé.
S Khoratholegé.]

D Veerasangara.
L Indrabaragé.
T Disanagé.

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Bi-maxillary or bi-gonial breadth.	Maximum bi-zygomatic breadth.	Maxillary-zygomatic index.	Nasal height.	Nasal width.	Nasal index.	Bimalar breadth.	Naso-malar breadth.	Naso-malar index.	Height from vertex to inter-superciliary point.	Height from vertex to tragus.	Height from vertex to chin.	Facial angle.	Length of fore-arm.	Length of left foot.	Length of middle finger of left hand.	Maximum breadth of hips.	Maximum breadth of shoulders.
112	137	81.7	50	41	82.0	105	116	110.4	82	138	223	63	404	268	111	280	412
98	133	78.6	51	41	80.3	103	118	114.7	90	137	218	65	435	252	107	263	398
107	137	78.1	40	42	85.7	105	114	108.5	90	126	221	70	450	260	111	260	406
106	140	75.7	47	36	76.5	107	120	112.1	88	129	219	67	481	245	113	274	400
92	128	71.8	48	37	77.0	103	118	114.5	108	130	227	69	474	260	115	258	390
102	135	75.5	48	40	85.8	109	124	113.7	110	134	245	64	461	250	112	277	408
103	125	82.4	45	45	100	107	122	114.0	100	139	225	68	488	250	111	281	392
106	136	77.0	51	39	76.4	115	136	117.3	90	145	240	61	464	270	123	274	423
97	129	75.1	45	37	82.2	110	118	116.3	110	147	228	70	417	335	102	252	345
96	125	76.8	43	34	79.0	103	120	116.5	101	135	224	68	461	242	106	250	386
101	128	78.0	46	39	84.7	105	122	116.1	100	132	229	62	463	262	106	275	393
103	131	78.0	47	43	91.4	112	128	114.2	97	140	245	60	463	271	120	283	400
95	136	69.8	48	40	83.3	119	130	100.2	92	139	231	70	440	237	108	277	402
90	132	68.1	40	37	75.5	110	128	116.3	101	137	233	70	476	253	104	266	382
103	122	81.4	45	39	86.6	91	104	114.2	88	120	206	61	435	204	106	242	385
113	128	87.5	50	40	80.0	97	110	113.4	83	128	218	64	445	240	108	242	365
92	128	74.2	48	40	83.3	98	110	112.2	80	127	200	70	448	283	106	255	392
104	128	81.2	40	38	77.5	96	112	116.6	89	130	214	65	406	256	112	274	389
97	132	73.4	50	44	88.0	98	114	116.3	83	137	221	67	471	258	115	287	400
98	126	77.7	44	41	83.1	93	106	113.0	93	135	222	66	484	240	114	251	354
102	132	77.2	44	43	97.7	98	108	110.2	101	140	232	65	482	272	115	270	406
100	128	78.1	41	47	114.8	103	114	110.6	89	127	218	59	462	252	113	257	375
106	129	82.1	45	40	88.8	101	114	112.8	86	130	218	65	436	250	105	237	344
107	133	80.4	40	40	81.6	100	116	116.0	96	138	232	69	480	271	115	258	405
92	126	73.0	46	43	93.4	99	106	106.3	87	131	218	65	430	229	101	237	377
98	131	74.8	50	42	84.0	103	108	105.8	79	130	221	68	456	252	114	234	372
102	127	80.3	42	35	83.3	102	116	113.7	92	136	198	71	406	247	111	225	374
106	134	79.1	51	38	74.5	102	112	109.8	94	135	212	59	442	240	108	244	390
93	126	73.8	51	40	78.4	95	102	109.6	105	124	227	63	455	235	109	236	361

E Mankotakaukanamagē.
M Wallgomagē.
U Joygodiarachegē.

F Wariapperunagē.
N Etnakēgē.

G Nebulnagolomlogē.
O Kalperamagē.

H Koodaganagē.
P Usampereragē.

Measurements of 56 Singalese

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Serial number.	Name.	Caste.	Sub-caste, or sub-tribe endogamous.	Section, or sept exogamous.	District of birth.	Age.	Measurement round chest.	Measurement with extended arms.	Height.	Height sitting.	Height kneeling.	Height lower end of gladiolus.	Weight in pounds.	Cephalic length.	Cephalic breadth.	Cephalic index.
30	Charles ...	Golgomá		A	Galle ...	28	790	1741	1640	822	1212	1203	...	186	143	76.8
31	Karole ...	do.		B	do.	30	800	1728	1633	824	1208	1204	...	187	139	74.3
32	Juanith ...	do.			Colombo ...	45	830	1746	1624	704	1194	1222	...	186	142	76.
33	Mesti Gohem	Fishere			do.	40	780	1408	1538	824	1162	1162	...	178	145	81.4
34	Handi ...	Golgomá		C	Galle ...	25	800	1726	1642	831	1210	1232	...	187	155	82.8
35	Tinapu ...	do.			Colombo ...	45	740	1616	1530	784	1114	1082	...	183	145	79.2
36	Haramans ...	do.			Panadura ..	25	700	1680	1672	770	1132	1176	...	176	148	82.9
37	Perie ...	do.			Colombo ...	29	770	1600	1504	831	1184	1170	...	178	143	80.3
38	Habrtlapu ...	do.		D	do.	30	720	1570	1546	782	1136	1146	...	172	140	81.3
39	Joanleam ...	Achare		E	do.	30	730	1710	1636	784	1192	1254	...	186	135	72.5
40	Josaf ...	Kara		F	do.	28	840	1750	1636	766	1180	1226	...	176	139	78.9
41	Kaloo Hami	Golgomá		G	Ratnapura ...	25	830	1654	1570	764	1154	1142	...	193	150	77.7
	Janua ...	Kara		H	Colombo ...	30	760	1684	1562	788	1132	1184	...	186	143	76.8
43	Panchu ...	Golgomá		I	Sapragama ...	35	860	1750	1730	816	1260	1326	...	188	136	72.8
44	Mahatma. Lakoblinda	do.		J	do.	30	720	1692	1663	830	1210	1223	...	179	142	79.3
45	Arnulusapro	do.		K	Colombo ...	35	850	1700	1720	890	1254	1244	...	181	147	81.2
46	Pererah ...	do.		L	do.	30	740	1694	1614	843	1194	1213	...	187	140	74.8
	Jong ...	Halagama			do.	25	820	1640	1499	804	1124	1190	...	184	140	76.0
48	Leonis ...	Golgomá			do.	32	855	1786	1692	854	1230	1254	...	181	150	82.8
49	Harmanis ...	Kara			do.	32	810	1726	1640	840	1190	1196	...	185	142	76.7
50	Harmanis ...	Halagama			do.	40	760	1620	1616	832	1192	1210	...	178	154	86.5
51	Bramha ...	Golgomá		M	do.	35	800	1690	1572	804	1174	1180	...	186	151	81.1
52	Siapu ...	do.		N	do.	30	775	1610	1574	774	1130	1180	...	181	135	74.5
53	Arolese ..	Daró			do.	25	805	1574	1548	816	1162	1142	...	180	141	78.3
54	Jonasapu ...	Golgomá		O	do.	30	820	1600	1548	832	1200	1186	...	186	146	78.4
55	Salu ...	Salo		P	do.	35	835	1710	1690	820	1220	1236	...	183	146	79.7
56	Andris ...	Golgomá		Q	do.	30	770	1610	1530	782	1150	1142	...	177	143	80.7
					Average ...		803.5	1683.6	1662.4	815.1	1205.4	1207.6	...	183.5	145.9	78.3

A Bikramakankage.
 I Minikangé.
 Q Lokutetigé.

B Mahatigama Acherepé.
 J Bodhinak—Dharmaalakargé.

C Jothuondagé.
 K Thoodobhitanage.

D Mininarachage.
 L Fedibicharepé.

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Bi-maxillary or bi-goniac breadth.	Maximum bi-zygomatic breadth.	Maxillary-zygomatic index	Nasal height.	Nasal width.	Nasal index.	Bimalar breadth.	Naso-malar breadth.	Naso-malar index.	Height from vertex to inter-aurillary point.	Height from vertex to tragus.	Height from vertex to chin.	Facial angle.	Length of fore-arm.	Length of left foot.	Length of middle finger of left hand.	Maximum breadth of hips.	Maximum breadth of shoulders.
112	134	83.5	51	41	80.3	95	110	115.7	85	122	230	65	471	257	113	234	395
105	131	80.1	45	34	77.5	94	100	116.9	84	130	212	66	464	252	108	268	409
101	127	79.5	50	34	89.0	100	114	114.0	110	133	232	66	472	257	110	269	388
100	126	79.3	46	40	86.9	97	104	107.2	92	134	215	67	393	222	99	240	360
102	136	75.0	43	40	93.0	101	114	112.8	100	140	237	69	458	261	117	230	380
100	123	81.3	47	40	85.1	90	100	111.1	100	150	225	66	442	237	108	247	378
101	124	81.4	50	36	72.0	93	108	116.1	82	128	210	67	403	241	108	242	356
91	122	74.5	46	34	73.9	92	104	117.3	90	129	214	67	430	250	100	240	378
100	124	80.6	52	37	71.1	91	102	111.9	88	140	220	66	422	242	99	241	350
90	126	71.4	51	37	72.5	95	108	113.6	73	123	211	67	452	237	104	232	371
103	135	76.2	50	39	78.0	100	108	108.0	100	121	221	68	480	262	117	270	357
103	133	77.4	44	40	90.9	100	114	114.0	104	140	230	71	445	264	111	264	394
102	131	77.8	42	37	88.0	94	108	114.8	81	133	207	75	450	240	112	249	380
102	130	74.8	52	40	76.9	95	110	115.7	93	125	222	64	481	264	111	243	395
110	140	84.2	52	41	78.8	107	122	114.0	70	107	206	66	451	237	114	240	380
98	129	72.0	51	37	72.5	94	108	114.8	98	123	227	71	447	256	107	248	379
100	130	76.9	52	40	70.9	93	108	116.1	83	133	218	71	436	245	101	240	384
98	126	77.7	46	36	78.2	91	102	112.0	85	142	207	70	452	253	110	247	362
105	136	77.2	40	41	83.6	95	108	113.0	75	135	214	68	477	266	124	241	392
110	128	88.9	49	39	79.5	102	110	107.8	76	127	218	62	463	247	111	245	376
105	130	80.7	47	39	82.9	95	104	109.4	85	134	218	66	445	233	114	224	352
103	136	75.7	47	42	80.3	101	116	114.8	89	130	220	70	432	238	104	240	395
94	120	78.3	48	40	83.3	90	100	111.1	79	127	208	66	452	234	108	253	351
86	122	77.8	44	36	76.0	93	102	109.6	84	128	211	68	427	227	105	238	386
105	132	79.5	49	41	83.6	100	112	112.0	86	134	223	71	467	242	106	262	395
100	124	78.7	50	39	78.0	100	118	118.0	88	139	212	69	456	249	120	258	379
94	132	71.2	41	40	97.5	98	112	114.2	88	129	203	68	436	231	112	240	380
100.7	129.6	77.7	47.6	39.4	82.7	99.5	112.5	113.0	90.8	132.3	220.4	63.7	464.5	248.3	109.9	253.1	377.1

E Kepitagolescherige.
M Gaug.F Wandaothadoogé.
N Kloutige.G Koshputabatege.
O Lunaracherege.H Armandahevage.
P Mangorege.

Form I.

Measurements of 7 members of the Nagar Tribe

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Serial number.	Name.	Tribe.	Sub-caste, or sub-tribe endogamous.	Section, or sept exogamous.	District of birth.	Age.	Measurement round chest.	Measurement with extended arms	Height.	Height sitting.	Height kneeling.	Height lower end of gluteal fossa.	Weight in pounds.	Cephalic length.	Cephalic breadth	Cephalic index.
1	Raja Sibandhar Khan.	Nagar ...	...	...	Nagar ..	27	...	...	1640	...	...	...	...	180	142	78.8
2	Raja Khursu Khan.	do.	...	...	do	17	...	...	1634	...	...	...	...	185	144	77.8
3	Sultanali ...	do.	...	...	do.	29	...	...	1670	...	...	...	...	194	151	77.8
4	Mirzabeg ...	do.	...	...	do.	30	...	...	1600	...	...	...	...	190	142	74.7
5	Kasir ...	do.	...	...	do.	33	...	...	1652	...	...	...	...	198	142	71.7
6	Abdul Hosain ...	do.	...	...	do.	29	...	...	1648	...	...	...	...	191	143	74.8
7	Ahmadali ...	do.	...	...	do.	28	...	...	1606	...	...	...	...	197	143	72.5
					Average ...	...	...	...	1648.3	...	...	...	...	190.7	143.8	75.4

Measurements of 9 members of the Hanza Tribe

1	Mahamed Reza	Hanza ...	...	...	Hanza ..	30	...	...	1750	...	...	...	...	200	165	82.5
2	Afizat Khan...	do.	...	...	do.	22	...	...	1684	...	...	...	...	188	144	76.5
3	Sultan Mahomed.	do.	...	...	do.	37	...	...	1690	...	...	...	...	189	156	82.5
4	Zurvara Khan	do.	...	...	do.	32	...	...	1706	...	...	...	...	195	148	75.8
5	Darvesh ...	do.	...	...	do.	39	...	...	1648	...	...	...	...	195	151	77.4
6	Abdul ...	do.	...	...	do.	30	...	...	1800	...	...	...	...	200	156	78.0
7	Mahomed Ali	do.	...	...	do.	43	...	...	1674	...	...	...	...	181	152	83.9
8	Nazir Sha ...	do.	...	...	do.	36	...	...	1708	...	...	...	...	197	150	76.1
9	Abdu Faiz ...	do.	...	...	do.	30	...	...	1654	...	...	...	...	191	146	76.4
					Average ...	...	...	...	1708.3	...	...	...	...	192.8	152.0	78.8

Measurements of 6 members of the Kafir Tribe

1	Chara ...	Kafir...	...	...	Baskal Valley ...	30	...	...	1730	...	...	...	...	199	150	75.3
2	Tong ...	do.	...	...	do.	25	...	...	1654	...	...	...	...	191	140	78.0
3	Kam ...	do.	...	...	Presungal Valley	23	...	...	1738	...	...	...	...	193	144	74.6
4	Kon ...	do.	...	...	Baskal Valley..	25	...	...	1686	...	...	...	...	194	160	82.4
5	Tenk ...	do.	...	...	Chitral Border	19	...	...	1660	...	...	...	...	196	152	77.5
6	Astaula ...	do.	...	...	Utsum Valley...	14	...	...	1560	...	...	...	...	195	143	73.3
					Average ...	...	...	...	1671.3	...	...	...	...	194.6	149.6	76.9

taken at Calcutta.

18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Minimum frontal breadth.	Maximum bi-zygomatic breadth.	Fronto-zygomatic index.	Nasal height.	Nasal width.	Nasal index.	Bimalar breadth.	Naso-Malar breadth.	Naso-malar index.	Height from vertex to interaurillary point.	Height from vertex to tragus.	Height from vertex to chin.	Facial angle.	Length of fore-arm.	Length of left foot.	Length of middle finger of left hand.	Maximum breadth of hips.
102	133	76.6	58	37	63.7	107	122	114.2	...	...	...	69	...	...	...	...
107	135	79.2	60	39	65.0	111	120	108.1	...	...	...	69	...	...	...	...
105	134	78.3	59	38	64.4	103	118	114.5	...	...	...	70	...	...	...	...
106	135	78.5	58	35	60.3	98	122	124.4	...	...	...	72	...	...	...	...
100	127	78.7	64	35	51.6	101	116	114.8	...	...	...	66	...	...	...	...
100	134	74.6	58	40	68.9	98	100	108.1	...	...	...	66	...	...	...	...
110	132	83.3	52	35	67.3	103	114	110.6	...	...	...	68	...	...	...	...
104.2	132.8	78.4	58.4	37.0	63.3	103	116.8	113.3	.....	.....	.....	68.5	.....	.....	.....	.....

taken at Calcutta.

113	144	78.4	62	40	64.5	114	130	119.2	...	...	...	76	...	...	...	...
100	131	76.3	53	38	71.6	105	123	116.1	...	...	...	63	...	...	...	...
105	142	73.9	55	40	72.7	111	128	115.3	...	...	...	65	...	...	...	...
111	144	77.0	54	38	70.3	112	130	116.0	...	...	...	71	...	...	...	...
111	144	77.0	51	38	74.5	104	118	113.4	...	...	...	72	...	...	...	...
116	145	80.0	52	40	76.9	111	124	112.6	...	...	...	68	...	...	...	...
109	138	78.9	52	37	71.1	110	122	110.9	...	...	...	62	...	...	...	...
104	135	77.0	50	37	74.0	110	120	109.0	...	...	...	67	...	...	...	...
105	136	77.2	50	39	78.9	104	114	109.6	...	...	...	77	...	...	...	...
108.2	139.8	77.3	53.2	38.5	72.3	109	123.7	113.4	.....	.....	.....	69	.....	.....	.....	.....

taken at Calcutta.

111	141	78.7	53	37	69.8	110	130	118.1	...	...	...	71	...	...	...	...
106	135	78.5	53	37	69.8	105	121	118.0	...	...	...	71	...	...	...	...
103	137	78.8	54	39	72.2	109	123	117.4	...	...	...	70	...	...	...	...
111	144	77.0	53	37	63.7	101	116	114.8	...	...	...	70	...	...	...	...
110	141	78.0	55	38	69.0	103	122	112.9	...	...	...	65	...	...	...	...
107	139	82.9	52	36	66.2	108	120	115.5	66
108.8	137.8	78.9	54.1	37.3	68.9	107.0	124.3	116.1	68.8

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INTRODUCTION.

The following monograph in Arabic, treating of the customs of the Bedouin tribes that visit the Haurán, or dwell there during a great part of the year, was sent to the Asiatic Society by the distinguished author of 'Arabia Deserta,' Mr. C. M. Doughty, from Italy in the spring of last year. The letter accompanying the communication thus explains the origin and expresses the interesting character of the manuscript illustrative of customs of which details so circumstantial and exact are rarely within the opportunities of ordinary travellers to observe.

Villa Meglia, San Remo.

I have procured that a Lebanon Arabic school teacher, who was many years stationed in the Haurán, beyond Jordan, and who in that time was much with the nomad tribesmen, should write an account from his own observation of the customs of those Bedawin, and from his own (Syrian) point of view. He knows no other than the Arabic language. The result is a manuscript of about 40 pages in Arabic, which I should think will be found of considerable interest, especially if the text be printed with a translation. I consulted Professor Sprenger as to publishing it (he has not seen it). He responded it might be best to put myself in communication with you, as you have the means of publishing the original, and it might form an article in your *Journal*. I offer it therefore for your acceptance.

I am, dear Sir, Yours sincerely,
CHAS. M. DOUGHTY.

8th April, 1892.

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However honourable to the writer of this lively sketch may be the industry and powers of observation it displays, its style and accuracy in point of language are scarcely creditable to the *schoolmaster*. Gray, writing to Horace Walpole regarding Boswell's *Journal of a Tour to Corsica*, which had not long before been published says: 'The pamphlet proves what I have always maintained, that any fool may write a most valuable book by chance, if he will only tell us what he heard and saw, with veracity.' This opinion toned down in the politer phraseology in which Walpole subsequently expressed it, cannot fairly be resented by any writer to whom it may be applied. 'Mr. Gray, the poet has often observed to me, that if any person were to form a book of what he had seen and heard, it must, in whatever hands, prove a most useful and entertaining one.' As there is no reason to doubt the veracity of the following narrative, its value as a description of modern life among a historic race, lingering for centuries on the fringe of civilization yet untouched by it and still associated with the romance of desert chivalry, should need no literary ability to recommend it. This it certainly does not possess. As will be seen from the numerous foot-notes to the text, the solecisms are frequent and though the constant repetitions of phrase, wearisome without lucidity, savour of the school-room, the gross deviations from grammatical rules suggest that the educational staff of the province is itself in need of the training it professes to supply. This fault is, however, common, as Palgrave tells us, at the present day not only in Hijáz and Yemén, but more marked in Egypt and Syria, and most at Baghdad and Mauşil, where the current speech is defective, clipped and corrupted in desinence, accent and phraseology. This is not due to dialectic change but to absolute degeneracy in form and character, noticeable in the meagre and artificial diction of even those sufficiently educated to avoid the low provincialisms and errors of the illiterate. As a contrast to this base and degraded speech, he notices the pure well of Arabic undefiled that pours spontaneously from the lips of ragged urchins throughout Jabal Shomer and in the uplands of the Nejd country, as correct in expression as any rhythmical challenge of war or dirge of grief chanted in the desert in the Time of Ignorance. It is not to be expected that the language of Shanfara and Nábigha; of Imrul' Kais and Labíd, of men whose verse and ordinary speech were identical in substance if not in form, and who 'lisped in numbers, for the numbers came,' is to be found even among the Bedouins of the Decapolis, much less in the mouths of Syrian pedagogues of the Lebanon. Not a single instance, observes Lane, is said to be known of any individual's having acquired a perfect knowledge

of the grammar of classical Arabic, otherwise than by being bred among those who preserved it uncorrupt. Muḥammad himself was sent to the desert to be nursed by the tribe of Saʿd Ibn Bekr Ibn Ḥawāzin, descendants of Muḍar though not in the direct line of the Quraysh, and from this teaching he claimed to be the most chaste among the Arabs in speech. Even the famous lexicologist, Al Aṣmaʿi, and the equally famous grammarian his contemporary; Sibawaih, were reckoned by some purists to have erred in grammar. This classical language of Maʿad or Muḍar, as it is termed by the Arabs, is said to linger in some remote parts of Arabia. One of these is held to be Akād, near Zebid on the western sea-board of El Yemen, the people of which suffer no stranger to remain with them more than three days, the prescribed legal period of hospitality, for fear of the corruption of their speech. The writer of this account has evidently not visited this fortunate spot even within the tolerated limits of a traveller's sojourn, but though his language fails to attain even the ordinary level of journalistic writing and its interest lies exclusively in its subject, there is nevertheless, in spite of grammatical defects, a simplicity of narrative which recommends it as the evidence of a straight-forward, unaffected, though not very intelligent eye-witness. Whether he has correctly quoted the two specimens of verse sung by the girls at the marriage-festivities is perhaps doubtful, and it would have been more to the utility of his description had he explained the meaning of the first of these which is much in need of a gloss. Its metre appears to be a rude form of *hazaj*, depending more upon accent than prosodial rule, resembling in its character the class of ballad first in vogue among the Umayyads of Spain about the ninth century, of which specimens are given by Ibn Khaldūn in his Prolegomena. The province of Ḥaurān, situate on the frontiers of Irāk and Syria, is expressly mentioned by him as occupied by nomad Arabs who had roamed over its plains and continued to encamp there even in his day and who apparently still make it their annual pasturage. The province has given its name to the poems, or *Qasidas* composed by the Eastern Arabs which commonly begin with the name of the writer and pass on to the praise of the poet's mistress. These poems were termed *Badāwīyah* or Bedouin, and *Haurānīyah* or of Ḥaurān, and *Ḳaṣīyah* after the tribe of Ḳais ordinarily dwelling in that country. They were chanted to some simple airs which paid little regard to the canons of harmony and were known as *Haurānīyah*. The Western Arabs styled this class of poems *Aṣmaʿiāt* after Aṣmaʿi, the celebrated philologist and collector of the *dissecta membra poetarum*, who was a complete master of the idiom of the desert Arabs, and a living treasury of their verse, and who was said to have known by heart sixteen

thousand verses in the metre of *rajaz* alone. Ibn Khaldún has furnished us with an example of a poem of the Hauráni Bedouins composed by a woman whose husband had been assassinated, and who had sent this appeal through the tribe of Kais urging them to vengeance. It is written in the measure of *Tawíl* and follows, at a very long distance, the style of the ancient models. Such specimens, he observes, abound among the Bedouins and are transmitted as records of poetic distinction. Though some tribes affect this class of composition, he adds, it is disdained by others, such as those of Riyáh and Zugbah of the Bani Hilál and by the great tribe of Sulaym.

In my notes to the translation I have avoided any comment beyond a strict elucidation of the text, and I do not think it necessary to enter here into any general disquisition on the history or ethnography of the Bedouins. Such a course would be beyond the scope of this introduction to a writer who is the teller of his own tale which, as his personal testimony, is the only reason for its publication in this journal.

I have to express my acknowledgments to Mr. Rizku 'llah Azzún the Professor of Arabic to the Board of Examiners, who has copied out and corrected the MS. for the press and assisted me with the benefit of his experience in determining the form and orthographical value of certain incorrect colloquialisms that occur in the text. The manuscript itself is clearly and neatly written, though the orthography is occasionally as little to the credit of the schoolmaster as his grammar. His deficiencies in this respect shall be concealed in the obscurity of his own language. I trust that his undoubted merits will not be unrecognized in mine.

H. S. JARRETT.

الخطبة

أولاً عند ما ينظر الشاب ابنة توافقه ويقع له ميل عندها يأخذ
 يتردد على بيت أهلها و يأكل ويشرب في بعض الأحيان وبعض اوقات
 يكلفها بغسل رأسه وفي تسريحه اي تمشيطه ويكونان الاثنين احراراً¹ في
 المعاشرة مع بعضهما بدون ادنى معارضة من أهلها و انما بكل تلك المدة
 مع الحرية الزامة بين الشاب والشابة يبقون² محافظين على حقوق الاداب
 والشرف و تلك العادة شبيهة بعوائد شعوب متمدنة - ثم بعد ان تقع
 المحبة في قلوب الاثنين وينظرون³ بان ذوق الواحد قد وافق الآخر حينئذ
 يطلب الشاب من والده ان يخطب له تلك الابنة عندئذ ينهض الوالد
 بكل همة ويدعو اوجه اوجه⁴ عشيرته ويمتطون ظهور خيولهم ويتوجهون
 الى بيت اب⁵ الابنة فعند ما يقبلون على البيت ينتصب صاحب البيت
 مع من يكون حاضراً من اقاربه لملتقى ضيوفهم ويحولونهم عن خيولهم
 و يفرشون لهم احسن ما يوجد عندهم وعلى الفور يحضرون الجأّة اي
 زبل البقر و نعر الجمال و يضرمون النار في وسط المقعد و يطبخون القهوة
 و يسكبون الى الضيوف ضمن فجاجين في كل فنجان رشفة فقط فعندما
 يأخذ الفنجان كبيرهم يضعه قدامه و يقول لأب⁶ الابنة لا نشرب قهوهك إلا

¹ ويكون الاثنان حريين

² يبقيان

³ وينظران

⁴ This word is erroneously duplicated.

⁵ ابي

⁶ لأبي

وطنيتني¹ وهكذا يفعلون الجميع ارفاقه² من³ ثم ينظر اليهم صاحب البيت
امي أب⁴ الابنة او واحد من اوجه عشيرته و يقول لهم اشربوا قهوتكم فيصبر
على خاطركم — حينئذ⁵ يمسون⁶ كل واحد فنجاناً و يشربون و في اثناء
ذلك يكون صاحب البيت استحذر⁷ على رأس غنم او مهاز ذبيحة و بعد
ان يقطعوا اللحم شقفاً نحو نصف اوقية و يسلقوه في اللبن حتى يستوي
و يضعونه على وجه المنسف من طبيع البرغل الذي يكون نحو نصف
مد و ليس اقل او نحو خمسة الاف و ستمائة درهم و يضعون ذلك المنسف
في الوسط امام الضيوف و ياتون بنحو الفين⁸ درهم سمن بارد و يضعونه على
وجه المنسف فوق طبيع البرغل و اللحم و يأتي الرجل من اقارب صاحب
البيت و بيده ابريق ماء بارد و يغسل يد كل رجل من الضيوف غسلًا
بسيطاً جداً و ينظر الرجل صاحب البيت الى الضيوف و يقول افلكوا
على الميسر اعني⁹ تفضلوا على الزاد فيجيبونه لا ناكل من زادك الا تعطينا¹⁰
فاذا كان له ارادة في زيجة ابنته¹¹ الى ابنهم يقول لهم تفضلوا و كلوا غداكم
و كل ما تريدونه يجري على خاطركم حينئذ يتقدمون على الزاد و ياخذون
ياكلون في اياديهم بدران ملاعق و خبز و عندهم عوائد البعض يكمشون
قدر ما تحوش يدهم من الطبخ و اللحم لربما ما ينوف¹² عن الستون¹³ درهم

1 اعطى in being a dialectic variety of انطى، تعطيني for طنيتني
common colloquial use.

2 Tho من better omitted.

3 يفعل جميع رفاقه

4 في 7 استحضر

5 يمسون 6 ابو

8 عن 9 ابنته

10 ينوف 11 الستين درهما

و يهندسها في يده على هيئة كرة و يردها الى فمه بدون ان يمسه في اليد الثانية و بدون لعوسة بل يكبسها كبسة واحدة في لسانه و يبلعها و بعد ان يشبعوا يمسخون اياديهم في دفة البيت و من¹ ثم يمسخون ما بقي من اثر² الزفر في اجاهم و يرجعون بعد ذلك كل واحد الى مقعده و يشربون القهوة مرة ثانية من³ ثم ينظر ابو الخطيب الى ابي الخطيبة و يقول له ابشر اجتك⁴ يقول له ابو العريس ماذا تريد حقها يجيب ابو الابنة اريد عشر الف غرش بعد ذلك ينظر الحاضرون الى ابي العروس كل بمفرده مبتدئين من الاكبر سناً ماذا نفوت اكراما لخطاطري يجيب ابو العروس اكراماً لك اترك من حقي الف غرش من⁵ ثم يخاطبون⁶ الثاني بترك تسعمائة غرش و ايضا الثالثة⁷ بترك له ثمانمائة غرش و هلم جرا حتى يصل الى العادة والقانون الجاري بينهم نحو سنة الف او سبعة و بعد هذه المحاورة ينهض ابو الخطيب على قدميه واقفاً و ابو الخطيبة كذلك و يلثم كل واحد شوارب الآخر ثم ينهضون واقفين جميع الحاضرين من اقارب العريس و العروس و ينظرون الى كل من ابي العريس و العروس و يقولون لهما مبارك مبارك حاجة العمر ثم يذبحون ذبيحة من كيس الخطيب و يطبخون عليها منسف برغل و يدعون جميع اقارب الابنة لاجل الغدا

1 Omit.

. اثر² .

. 8 Omit.

⁴ These two words should be reversed in order to be in harmony with the grammatical construction of the sentence.

⁵ For جاءتك a not uncommon colloquialism. The *alif* appears superfluous.

6 Omit.

يخاطبه⁷

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الثالث⁸

وبعد هذا ينهضون^١ اهل العريس ويدعون عموم اهل العروس الى وليمة في بيت العريس فيركبون الطرفية من بيت الخطيبة و يذهبون سوياً^٢ الى بيت الخطيب فيلاقونهم^٣ اقارب العريس بكل ترحاب و بشاشة و يعملون لهم اكرام^٤ لامزيد عليه و بعض الاغنياء يذبحون جزور^٥ بمثل هكذا ظروف وربما ثمنه يكون نحو عشرين^٦ ليرة و تبقى تلك الزبارة متبادلة بين الطرفين الى ان يكتب الكتاب بتمام الاقتران -

الزباجة

اولاً يرسل اهل العريس خدراً الى اهل العروس انه في اليوم الفلاني فريد عروسنا وفي اليوم المعين يركب جمهور منهم خيولهم ناقلين الرماح و السيوف و يجهبزون نحو هشة بذات من اقارب العريس او من عشيرته و يلبسون^٧ احسن ملبوسهم^٨ و يتزيّنون^٩ في حلي من الفضة و من^{١٠} النحاس و يدهنون^{١١} شعورهم^{١٢} من بول الابعار اعني بول الجمال و بهذا السبب يصير لون الشعر مسقول^{١٣} يلمع و يحضرون جمال^{١٤} من احسن طروشهم و يلبسون الجمال اشياء من اثواب حرير احمر واخضر واصفر و على جانبيه اي جانبي الجمال يعلقون شرايب مسبولة لحد الارض و يضعون في ظهر كل جمل مرتبة تسع اثنتين من البغاس و يسمون تلك المرتبة حصرة و يضعون كل بفتين على خجل و كل جمل يقوده رجل فقير ياخذ نحو ستة

١ ينهض	٢ سوياً	٣ فيالاقونهم	٤ اكراماً
٥ جزورا	٦ عشرين	٧ يلبسون	٨ ملبوسهم
٩ و بدهن	١٠	١١ شعورهم	١٢ مصقولاً
			١٣ جمالا

غروش اجرتہ وبعد ان عموم الخيالة و الجمال المزينة تصير حاضرة بركبوس الرجال ظهور خيولهم و البنات ظهور جمالهم¹ و يسيرون موكب² واحد الرجال يلعبون على ظهور الخيل في الرمح و السيف و الواحد يطارد الآخر و البنات في الهوايج على ظهور الجمال يغنون³ و يزلغنون⁴ و غنا البنات على الغالب يكون هكذا

يا لله تبل الشاشي حتى نجز عيشي

راينا هود على الفور شرب من شخاخ النور

والرجال لا تزال في الطراد و البنات في الغناء حتى يصلوا الى البيت امي بيت العروش و تاخذ الخيول تلعب قدام بيت العروش مقدار نصف ساعة و بعد ذلك تحرك الرجال و البنات و يدخلون الى المحل الموجود⁵ فيه العروش و البنات و الرجال يقعدون في محل آخر من⁶ ثم يحضرون لهم الزاد على حسب عوائدهم اى منسف طبخ و لحم الى الرجال و شرحة الى البنات و العروش و بعد ما ياكلون تفهض البنات و ياخذون⁷ العروش الى محل آخر خلاء و يصخذون⁸ حلة ماء و يغسلون⁹ العروش و يلبسونها¹⁰ ملبوس¹¹ من جوخ و حرير و يأتون¹² في¹³ العروش في الغناء هكذا

ميلي يا بنت الامير عريسك فارس الفرسان

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|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 جمالهم | 2 موكبا | 3 واحد | 4 يغنين |
| 5 ويزغنون | 6 الموجود | 7 Omit. | 8 وياخذن |
| 9 و يسخن | 10 و يغسلن | 11 و يلبسها | 12 ملبوسا |
| 13 و يأتين | 14 | | |

ميللي يه بنت البدو جوزك¹ يذبح العدو

ميللي يا بنت العرب بعلك يقرى للضيوف

ميللي يا بنت الموالي عريسك ابو زيد الهالي

من ثم² تركب الرجال ظهور خيولهم والبناات ظهور الهوادج و يركبون العروس بظهر هودج يكون مزين³ و مميز⁴ في زينته عن باقي الهوادج و يكون معها ابنة من لزم العريس مثل اخته او ابنة اخته او ابنة عمه او ابنة خاله او ابنة خالته و يمشون بالخيول و الهوادج موكب⁵ واحد⁶ الرجال تطارد⁷ في ظهور الخيل والبناات تغني⁸ في ظهور الهوادج و يسمون هذا الموكب فاردة امي عرسية و يبقون على هذه الطريقة الخيول تلعب و البناات تغني⁹ حتى يقبلوا على بيت العريس و هناك يعملون ميدان¹⁰ نحو ساعة و البناات ترغظ¹¹ وهي¹² بظهر الهوادج - و بعد ذلك تحول الرجال والبناات و يدخلون العروس الى بيت احدى¹³ الجيران يكون لاقى العروس و عزمها الى بيته و يذبح الخرفان و يطبخ نحو ربع قطار من البرغل و يملئ¹⁴ منسفين كبار¹⁵ و يسكب السمن عليهما بكثرة و يضع منسف¹⁶ قدام الرجال و منسف¹⁷ قدام العروس و البناات و بعد الفراغ من الاكل يحضر¹⁸ من اقارب العريس و يضع بيده مقدار نصف بشلك قيمة غرش و نصف و يصرخ باعلى صوته خلف الله عليك يا فلان اي انه يذكر اسمه و يقول عساك تبقى

1 Metathesis for زوجك

2 بعد

3 مزينا

4 مميزا

5 واطدا

6 يتطاردون

7 يغنين

8 ميدانا

9 يزغنون

10 واحد

11 ويملا

12 كبيرين

13 منسفا

14 واحد

15 Supply واحد

دائم¹ وهذا² نصف ليرة وحينئذ يتقدم كل رجل بمفرده من الحاضرين و يعطي ذلك الرجل نحو غرش أو غرش ونصف و يصرخ بصوت عالي³ خلف الله عليك يا فلان وهذا⁴ ليرة وهكذا يتقدم واحد بعد الآخر على هذه الطريقة حتى لا يبقى ولا واحد ومن⁵ ثم يتقدم⁶ النساء والبنات أيضا ويدفعون⁷ ليد الرجل قليلا من الدراهم و يأخذ ينادي خلف الله عليك يا فلانة وهذا⁸ نصف ليرة و هلم جرا حتى يخلص⁹ جميع النساء والبنات وهذه العادة يسمونها نقوط¹⁰ فكل ما يجمعونه من الدراهم لا يتجاوز مائة و خمسون¹¹ غرش¹² فبعد الخلاء من تلك العملية يضع ذلك الرجل الوكيل جميع الدراهم التي يكون جمعها ضمن فوطه و يسلمهم¹³ الى العروس وهذه العادة تسمى عندهم شوباش اعني مساعدة الى العريس و غب الخلاء من تلك القضية يأخذون ان يجمعوا من الخطب و من الجلة اى زبل المواشي و يضعون الخطب جميعه في وسط مرجة فسيحة و بعد غروب الشمس بنحو ساعة يجتمع الرجال اى العشيرة جميعهم مقلدين¹⁴ في¹⁵ اسلحة من فودلة قديمة محتوية بارود¹⁶ و يشعلون الخطب الموجود في تلك الفسكة دفعة واحدة حتى تنظر الלהيب يعلو مقدار خمسة¹⁷ او ستة¹⁸ اذرع و من ثم¹⁹ يقف الزجال الحاضرون على هيئة دائرة حول النار و يتدثرون في نغم هَوَلَجْ هَوَلَجْ هَوَلَجْ وهذه اللفظة يكررونها نحو اربعة²⁰ ساعات لا يزيدون عليها

دائما 1

وهذه 2

عال 8

وهذه 4

Omit. 5

تقدم 6

ويدفع 7

وهذه 8

يخلص 9

نقوطا 10

وخمسين 11

غرشا 12

ويسلمها 13

مقلدين 14

في 15

بارودا 16

خمسة 17

ست 18

Omit. 19

ربع 20

حرفاً واحداً البتة وتلك الحلقة تكون منظرٌ مبهمٌ جداً لأن النار تكون كبيرة للغاية والرجال واقفين حولها رجل بجانب الآخر الكتف على الكتف مقدمين رجل اليمين إلى الامام ورجل الشمال إلى الراء شبيه الجنود في مواقع الحرب و يضربون الكفين على بعضهم على طريقة لا يقدر المتفرج ان يميز ان كانت ضربة واحدة او ضربات مختلفة اذ انهم ينزلون سوية و يطلعون سوية و مع عظم عدد الرجال في تلك الحلقة لا يمكنك بان تنظر رجل⁶ مقدمة عن رجل قيراط⁷ واحد⁸ كانهم دارسين⁹ الهندسة و بعد انتظام هذه الحلقة يحضرون¹⁰ نحو ثلاثة¹¹ او اربعة¹² من النساء و البنات من اقارب العريس لا بسين¹³ افخر ما عندهم¹⁴ من الثياب و الحلى و الفضة و في يد كل واحدة سيف ويدخلون¹⁵ وسط تلك الدائرة وابتدون¹⁶ يرقسون¹⁷ و يلعبون¹⁸ في السيف و يومنون¹⁹ في²⁰ السيف على الرجال الموكلة منهم تلك الحلقة كمن يريد ان يبطش بهيفه بعدة فعندها تهيج الرجال كوحش ضاري²¹ و يسحبون الفردة المشوة بالبارود و يقرصون²² بين ارجل النساء و البنات الراقصات و يدوم الحال هكذا على هذا المنوال نحو اربعة²³ او خمس ساعات الرجال و النساء و البنات هائجين على بعضهم كجمال او حصن هائجة على بعضها و في اثناء تلك العملية تنظر العرق من اجسام الرجال

حرفاً	1	واحداً	2	منظراً	3	مبهجاً	4
بعضهما	5	رجلاً	6	قيراطاً	7	واحداً	8
دارسون	9	يحضر	10	ثلاث	11	اربع	12
لايسات	13	عندهم	14	ويدخلون	15	ويبتدون	16
يرقصون	17	ويلعبون	18	ويومنون	19	ب	20
ضار	21	و يقرصون	22			٩١ بم	23

و النساء الراقصات كمزاج من الماء فبعد ان تحط قوتهم من جرى التعب يدخل رجل جليل القدر متقدم في السن الى وسط الحلقة المؤلفة من الرجال و يقول باعلى صوته عليكم جيرة عليكم جيرة يا شباب فعندئذ يتركون اللعب و الهيجان و ياخذون راحتهم و عندما¹ الى كفوف بعض الشبان في اليوم الثاني ترى ان كفوفهم و ارمية من عظم الضرب و بعض الاحيان ترى لون كفوفهم ازرق من عظم خبط الكفين على بعضهما و يبقون مدة طويلة لا يقدرّون على لمس شئ بايديهم و بعد الانتهاء من تلك المشقة يجلسون على الارض فِرَقًا فِرَقًا و تتقدم² لهم القهوة التي تكون معدة لهم و بعد شرب القهوة ينصرفون كل واحد الى بيته من³ ثم في اليوم الثاني يجتمعون و يأتون الى⁴ عند العريس بالغذاء و اطلاق البارود و يكون العريس قد استعد علي فطور اكراماً الى الشبان فبعد ان يفرغوا من الاكل و الشرب يرجعون الى الغذاء و الرقص النهار بتمامه و بعد ذلك يعملون عزيمة الى العريس في الدور مقدار سبعة ايام الفطور عند واحد و الغداء عند واحد و العشاء عند آخر و بعد السبعة ايام ينتهي الفرح -

الضيافة

عند ما يقبل الضيف على بيت المعزب ينهض صاحب البيت على قدميه و يغار⁵ على الضيف بمسك سرع الفرس و يحول

¹ Supply تُنظر

² و تقدم

³ Omit.

⁴ Omit.

⁵ ويغير

الضيف و يربط فرسه^١ و بكل سرعة يأتي بأحسن ما يوجد عنده من المفروش و يفرشه ضمن الربة قسم من البيت لا تسكنه الحريم و على الفور يشعل النار ويحذر^٢ القهوة . يعمل بريق^٣ قهوة و يقدم الى الضيف من^٤ ثم الى الحاضرين و بعد القهوة يحذرون^٥ شئ^٦ من الزاد لأجل الضيف و بعد ان تأكل الضيوف يقدمون^٧ على الزاد الباقي من فضلة الضيوف الحاضرين^٨ من اقارب صاحب البيت و عند ما يعززون صاحب البيت على ان يجلس معهم على الزاد يرفض ذلك و يقول ما يصير المعزّب رباح^٩ افلحوا عني^{١٠} تفضلوا فبعد ما ياكلون^{١١} جميع الحاضرين يتقدم المعزّب و ياكل من فضلة الطعام و في هذه الفطرة^{١٢} تكون ذبحت الذبيحة و بعد وقت و جيز يستحذرون^{١٣} على طبخ البرغل و يسكبونه في منسف من نحاس او من خشب وسعه لا يكون اقل من ذراع و يضعون اللحم على وجه الطبخ قطعاً و يضعوا^{١٤} على جانب المنسف لية الخاروف مع فخذ^{١٥} قدام الضيف و يسمون تلك اللحمة الكبيرة شذاة و قبل ان يحذروا^{١٦} الطعام ياتون في^{١٧} الماء لأجل غسل ايادي الضيوف من^{١٨} ثم يضعون الطعام في الوسط و ياتون بالسمن الجامد و يضعونه على وجه المنسف و ينظر المعزّب الى الضيف و يقول افلح يا ضيف على الميسور اعذي^{١٩} تفضل و يعزم الحاضرين ايضاً من

١ ويحذر	٢ بريق	٣ Omit.	٤ يحذرون
٥ شيئاً	٦ يقدم	٧ الحاضرون	٨ رباحاً
٩ اي	١٠ ياكل	١١ الفطرة	١٢ يستحذرون
١٣ يضعون	١٤ فخذ	١٥ يحذروا	١٦ ب
١٧ Omit.			١٨ يعلى

أقاربه فيقدمون ويجلسون دائر المنسف ويتدثرون يدربلون درابيل في الكف أي أنهم يمشون من الطعام في اليد و يسقلونها على هيئة كرة أخذة طول¹ نوعاً و يضع الباهم تحتها و يقدمها الى فمه و يكبسها بلسانه و يبلعها بدون أدنى مضغ أو لوك و ربما بعض الاحيان تكون دربية البعض نحو ستون² درهم³ فاذا كان الحاضرون في تلك الوليمة جمهوراً لا يسعهم الجلوس على المنسف دفعة واحدة يبقون منظرين الى المكان الذي يخلو كل ما⁴ فرغ مكان يسده الآخر أي كل ما⁵ قام واحد ياتي الآخر الى مكانه و هلم جرا حتى ياكلوا الجميع⁶ و في اثناء ذلك أي في اثناء الاكل عند ما يخف السمن عن وجه الطعام يزيدونه و في بعض الاحيان تنظر السمن ينسكب مرزاب⁷ من كفوف الاكلين و بعد ان يشبعوا جميع الحاضرين يقدم صاحب البيت و ياكل من آخر المنسف الذي لربما يصير قسم من الطعام الباقى و سخا من الايادي التي امتدت اليه و اذا بقي الضيف الى المساء يعطون عقيق⁸ الى فرسه و كذلك تتقدم⁹ ذبيحة ثانية على العادة التي تقدم ذكرها و من جملة عوائد الضيف و هو على السفرة ياخذ من اللحم و يعطي كلاً من الحاضرين الذين لم يجلسوا على الطعام من اهل طورة¹⁰ وايضاً عند ما يقوم واحد من الجالسين على الطعام يقول له المعزب سدي يا فلان على هذه الثنية و بعد الخلاص يقول الضيف لصاحب البيت يكثر خير المعزب مخلوفة في الحلال و في كل هذا الوقت عمل

وكلما ⁴	درهما ⁸	ستين ²	طولا ¹
عليقاً ⁸	مرزاباً ⁷	جميعهم ⁶	كلما ⁵
		طوراً ¹⁰	تقدم ⁹

القاهرة لا يبطل بل كل ما^١ خُص بريق^٢ يجدد درن خلافه الى ان يسافر الضيف
و في سفر الضيف من بيت معزبه ما زال على ملكة معزبه كلما يحصل
له في طريقه من التعدي يقوم المعزب به و انما اذا ضاف في طريقه
اخرين و اكل من زادهم و بعده حصل له حادث و سلب يصير حق
السؤال على المعزب الثاني و يسقط حق المعزب الاول - و حقوق المعزب
على سالب ضيفه مرتبطة بقوانين فاذا تصدف سلب الضيف باثناء
سفرة من بيت معزبه يركب المعزب و معه جمهور خيالة من اقاربه و من
عشيرته و يذهبون الى الشيخ^٤ عشيرة السالب و يقولون له مثلاً فلان الفلاني
كان ضيفنا في اليوم الفلاني وهو مسافر في الطريق و ملحقنا في بطنه
اعني^٥ اكل من زادنا و سافر و قبل انه اكل من زاد غيرنا انا فلان من
عربكم في المكان الفلاني و عند ما اتقبل عليه نسب عليه اى اخبره انه
كان ضيفاً عندنا و بعد تخبيره له انه مسافر على ملحقنا سلبه و الان نحن
نريد حقنا - فيرسل شيخ عشيرة السالب وراء الرجل المتعدي و يحصل
المسلوب منه تماماً و يسلمه لصاحبه من^٦ ثم يحصل من السالب حق المعزب
المتعدي على ضيفه جمل^٧ و ناقة و عشرة روس غنم و سيف^٨ و رمح^٩ *

و اذا عشيرة السالب رفضت طلب معازيب الضيف و ما
دفعت لهم المسلوب من ضيفهم و ايضاً لم تدفع حق المعزب ينتج من
ذلك حرب بين العشيرتين و بعض الاحيان يسفك دماء رجال كثيرين بهذا

١ كلما

٢ ابريق

٣ مرتبطة

٤ شيخ

٥ اي

٦ Omit.

٧ جملاً

٨ وسيفاً

٩ و رمحاً

السبب و من حقوق الضيف انه يسافر من عند معزبه مثل ما اتي
لعنده و اذا بعض الاوقات سُرقت فرس الضيف من بيت معزبه او ماتت
يلتزم المعزب يقدم فرس^١ لضيفه و خلاصة الامر و قار الضيف عند العرب
و احترامه على جانب عظيم جداً و ذلك يدل على كرم النفس
و الحمية و حب الشرف *

الحزن

العوائد في الموت * عند ما يموت رجل في العشيرة تحضر عموم
رجال عشيرته و اصحاب الخيول يركبون خيولهم و يقصرون ميدان طراد كانهم
في ساحة الحرب و بعد مرور نصف ساعة تحل اصحاب الخيول و تربط
خيولها و يدخلون على الميت و يضعونه على فراش و يضعون آلات حربه
على جانبه والنساء يأتين^٢ مرتبات بافخر ملبوسهم^٣ و في اياديهم^٤ السيوف
و يبتدون^٥ في الرقص و لعب للسيوف و الغنى^٦ مدة ستة ساعات و بعد
ذلك يذهبون الى الدفن و بعد ان يوارون^٧ الميت التراب يرجعون رجالاً
ونساء الى بيت الميت و اذ ذاك تذبح الذبائح و يطبخ الطبخ من
كيس اهل الميت و تقدم^٨ المناسف لجميع الحاضرين فبعد الخلاء من
اكل الطعام تذهب الرجال الى بيوتها و تبقى النساء في بيت الميت
مدة من سبعة ايام الى الاربعين يوماً و طول المدة تكون على حسب

و يبتدون^٥ اياديهم^٤ ملبوسهم^٣ يأتين^٢ فرسا^١

و تقدم^٩ يوارون^٧ ت^٦ و الغناء^٨

مقام الميت فاذا كان الرجل المتوفي¹ من اكابر القوم يكون البكاء والذويج عليه اربعون² يوماً و اذا كان من دون القوم تكون المدة سبعة ايام وفي كل هذه المدة تلتزم³ اهل الميت بتقديم الاكل والشرب والقهوة والتفنن في كل يوم ثلاث مرات لجميع النساء الحاضرات وبعد خلاص تلك المدة من واجبات اهل الميت ان يقدموا لكل امرأة لبسة اعني نوع⁴ من الثياب مثل سلطة جوخ وكبر جوخ وشنبر حوير او حطة حوير او جزمة حمراء و اذا تصدف ان الميت من الشيوخ او من الاغنياء لربما تكون كلفة القيمة التي تحضرها اهل بعض اوقات من اكل وشرب وقهوة وتتن وملبوس تنوف عن مائة وخمسون⁵ ليرة ... و من جملة عوائدهم متى وصل خبر المتوفي⁶ لعند⁷ عشائر العربان المجاورة تحضر كل عشيرة لبيت الميت لاجل التعزية ويصحبون معهم ذبائح من الغنم او من المعزى و يسمون تلك الذبائح قيذة او مونسدة و غب ما يبلغون الوصول الى بيت الميت تذبج كل الذبائح التي جلبوها على⁸ آخر ذبيحة و تتقدم⁹ الى المعزية على مناسف من طبخ البرغل والسمن فوقها كانه ماء من كثرة الاكل يكون دريلة في الايادي حسب عادة الفرح *

و من عوائدهم ايضاً ان النساء التي هم¹⁰ من محرم المتوفي¹¹ اعني اللواتي هم¹² من لحمه و دمه مثل اخته وابنته وامراته و نساء اخوته

فوما ⁴	يلتزم ³	اربعين ²	المتوفي ¹
عن ⁸	Omit. ⁷	المتوفي ⁶	وخمسين ⁵
هن ¹²	المتوفى ¹¹	اللواتي هن ¹⁰	تقدم

و اعدامه يجرحون¹ خدودهم² باضافيرهم³ حتى يخرج الدم و ايضا يجرحون⁴ ثيابهم⁵ و يضعون⁶ القراب على رؤسهم⁷ ومن جملة عوائدهم⁸ ايضا يرخون⁹ رؤسهم¹⁰ على وجوههم¹¹ وعلى اكتافهم¹² و بعد مرور ستة اشهر تجتمع العشيرة رجال¹³ و نساء الى بيت الميت و يقيمون مئاحة مدة يوم و في آخر النهار يذهبون لزيارة القبر و هكذا يفعلون بعد تمام السنة *

و الذبيحة التي تذبح بعد موارات¹⁴ الميت في القراب تسمى عندهم مؤنسة الى المتوفى¹⁵ *

في عوائد الغزو

الغزو عشائر من العربان تقاوم بعضها و عندما تقصد عشيرة تغزي¹⁶ الاخرى يبتدي شيخ للعربان بان يذبه على جميع عربائه قبل يوم الغزو بنحو ثلاثة ايام فحينئذ تحضر اوجه العربان الى بيت الشيخ فبعد ما يعمل لهم شروط الضيافة من ما كل و عتيق خيولهم ان ذاك يقول لهم يا وجه العرب قد اتاني خبر وكاد اعني¹⁷ حقيقة على ان العرب الفلانية هم موجودين¹⁸ في الارض الفلانية و ان ضمهم قليل جداً ضمهم¹⁹ اعني خيلهم ليست كثيرة و بعد ثلاثة ايام نريد نغزيهم²⁰ اعلما جميع عربانكم ليجهزوا حالهم

1 يجرحون

2 خدودهم

3 باضافيرهم

4 يجرحون

5 ثيابهم

6 و يضعون

7 رؤوسهم

8 عوائدهم

9 يرخون

10 رؤوسهم

11 وجوههم

12 اكتافهم

13 رجالا

14 مواراة

15 المتوفى

16 تغزو

17 اء

18 موجودون

19 ضمهم

20 نغزيهم

و في اليوم المعين تجتمع جميع الخيل في الأرض والمكان الفلاني فيركبون¹ أوجه العرب من عند شيخهم كل واحد الى فريقه و عند وصولهم الى بيوتهم كل منهم يجمع عربيه و يعمل لهم ضيافة و بعد الضيافة يقول لهم نريد نغزى² العرب الفلانية في مكان كذا و يوم³ الفلاني يجب تكون كامل الخيل مجمعة جميعها فيذهبون كل الى بيته و كل خيال يلزم⁴ بان يجهز ذهاب السفر من اكل و ماء لأجله و لأجل فرسه و ما يلزم من الشعر لاكل فرسه ايضا و في اليوم المعين يلتقي تلك الخيول جميعها جمهوره⁵ واحده و كل خيال محمل ذهابه على جمل و كل جمل قائده رجل مخصوص من اقارب صاحبه و تلك الجمال تسمى عندهم ركب⁶ و يكون اخذ قيادة الجيوش جميعها شيخ عشيرة و كلهم ينفقون لامره فغب ان تكامل الجموع يقول الشيخ انتم يا هل⁷ الخيل اركبوا و انتم يا قادات⁸ الركب اعني يا قادة الجمال اذهبوا الى الأرض الفلانية و انتظروا الخيل هناك الى ان ثاني الخيل اليكم ان ذاك تذهب الخيل قاصدة مواشي اصدادهم حيث تكون ترعى في البرية و الركب تذهب في المكان المعين لتكن فيه - و الان نرجع الى الخيل فعندما تصير على بعد مسافة سنة¹⁰ او سبعة¹¹ ساعات عن منازل العربان اصدادهم تكن جميع الخيل في بعض شعب و ينفرد منها نحو عشرة خيالة و لا يزالوا¹² سائرين حتى يصيروا على مقربة من بيوت العدو و هناك يكمنون النهار و الليل بطوله و في الصباح يلاحظون اي ناحية يذووجه

يلتزم ⁴	اليوم ⁸	نغزو ²	فيركب ¹
اهل ⁸	ركبا ⁷	واحد ⁹	جمهوره ⁵
يزالون ¹²	سبع ¹¹	ست ¹⁰	قادة ⁹

الطرش مع رعيانه لاجل المرعى. وحيث لابد في الصباح من تسريح المواشي الى البرية صحبة رعيانه فعندما ترى الخيالة الراقبة ان الطروش خرجت من البيوت قاصدة المرعى تركب تلك الخيول قاصدة كمين خيول عربانهم لاجل يخبرونهم¹ ان المواشي توجهت الى الجهة الفلانية اذ ذاك يركب العقيد اعني الشيخ و تركب جميع الخيول و يذهبون قاصدين الطرش و عندما يضعون ارجلهم في الركب يلفظون بعض كلمات (يا لله² يرزق العيال) و حال ما يقبلون على تلك المواشي على مسافة ساعة يشنون الغارة و يجمعون الطرش جميعه و ياخذونه في صدرر خيولهم ولا يمضي الا القليل. حتى يصل الخبر الى اصحاب المواشي اذ ذاك تتركب جميع خيولهم طالبة تخلص حلالهم من يد الاعداء و بعض الاحيان يبقى طلب الخيل وراء الخيل يوما او اكثر حتى تدرك الخيل الخيل الاخرى و ينصب بين الطرفين ميزان الحرب و*الطراد فاذا اخذت اصحاب المواشي الفوز و الانتصار تسترجع ما سلب لها من الجمال و الغنم و ترجع في الغذاء و النشائد دلالة على الفوز و الغلبة فتلاقيهم حريمهم الى خارج البيوت بنحو ساعة في الزلاغيطة³ و الرقص ثم يرجع الكلام الى ما يتوقع في مدة الطراد و الحرب و ما عندهم من العوائد بمثل هكذا ظروف فاذا ادرك فارس فارسا آخر و ضربه برمح او بسيفه و جندله عن ظهر جواده الى الارض يقول لراميه انا بجيرتك اعفي⁴ عني عفى الله⁵ عنك اذ ذاك

١ ان يخبروهم

٢ الله

٣ الزغاريث ٤ اعف

٥ عفا

يحمل الفارس المنتصر عن جواده ويكتف ذلك الرجل المرمي¹ ويسوقه قدامه ماشيا بعد ان ياخذ سلاحه و آلات حربه منه ويركب الفارس المنتصر على جواده و يقرود جواد الاسير و رائه² حتى يبالغ الوصول الى عربائه و يبحث اي يحفر جوده في الارض قدام بيته عمقا نحو ذراع و يضع ذلك الرجل الاسير في تلك الحفرة و يطمه بقليل من التراب و يضع على فم الحفرة غطاء و مع كل ذلك تكون رجلي³ الاسير مقيدة⁴ بقيد من حديد و كل يوم يقدمون له شئ قليل⁵ من الاكل و ايضا كل يوم يخرجونه من الحفرة مقدار ساعة لاجل قضاء حاجته كعادة الناس في بيت الماء و عند ما يذهب لخارج البيوت يكون مكتوف اليدين و حارسه رجل ناقل آلة حربه و بعد ان يخرج ما تحصل معه من القذاره⁶ في الجوف خارج البيوت يرجع و حارسه و رائه⁷ و يضعه في الحفرة حسب العادة فبعض الاحيان يموت الاسير وهو على تلك الحالة و بعض الاحيان يشفقون عليه و يخلون سبيله و انما اذا صارت حرب ثانية فيما بين العشيرتين و وقع الرجل الذي كان مأسورا قبالا يقطعون رأسه حالا بدون شفقة البتة و من عوائدهم ايضا اذا ادرك فارس فارسا آخر بساحة القتال و وضعه تحت الضربة يقول له جبرني⁸ اجارك الله و هذا عندي يوم من ايام العرب اذ ذاك يرفع الفارس المنتصر الضربة عن الفارس الذي طلب منه العفة⁹ و يقول له الله احياك اذهب بسلام و هذا عندك يوم من ايام العرب

¹ المرمي² و راءه³ رجلا⁴ مقيدتين⁵ شيئا قليلا⁶ القذاره⁷ و راءه⁸ اجرني⁹ العفو

فاذا وقعت حرب ثانية بين العشيرتين وانتصر الفارس الذي كان مغلوبا المرة الاولى وقع تحت يده الفارس الذي اعفى¹ عنه او احدى² اقاربه يعني³ عنهم ولا يضرهم بشئ وهذا يسمى عندهم جميل بجميل وانما الفخر للهادي من⁴ ثم يرجع الكلام الى الركب اي الرجال الذي⁵ تقدم الكلام عنهم قادة الجمال اللذين⁶ كامنين⁷ ومعهم الماء والزاد والعليق للخييل منتظرين اقبال الخيل التي غارت على الغزو فالخييل سواء ان كانت كاسبة او غير كاسبة لابد لها ان تمر على الركب التي باننظارهم فعند ما تقبل الخيل عليهم تركب قادة الجمال على جمالهم فاذا كانت خيلهم جالبة الكسب في صدرها واصحاب المواشي لم يزل طالبة⁸ ورائهم لاجل تخليص مواشيهم والطراد قائم على العدو وفي بعض الاحيان يكون انكسار القوم عن يد راكبين⁹ الابل واذا وصلت الخيل لعند¹⁰ ركب الجمال خاسرين وليس¹¹ ظانرين تمشي ركب الجمال مع الخيل سرية طالعين اهلهم ومن موائدهم ايضا اذا كانت الخيل راجعة من الغزو كاسبة غانمة والنقولا في رجل او في امرأة يبحر اعني ينظر ذلك الرجل عابر السبيل وتلك المرأة الى عقيد الخيل ويقول كوي¹² الرجل فيجيبه ذلك العقيد هلا¹³ ورحب اذ ذاك يقول الرجل الى شيخ العرب اعني عقيد الخيل الحذية الحذية فحالا يا ممر له العقيد في¹⁴ قسم من الكسب ان كان جمال¹⁵ او غنم¹⁶

١ صفا

٢ احد

٣ يعفو

٤ Omit.

٥ الذين

٦ الذين

٧ هم كامنون

٨ راكبي

٩ عند

١٠ غير

١١ كو

١٢ اهلا ورحبا

١٣ ب

١٤ جمالا

١٥ غنما

و في بعض الاوقات يكون نصيب ذلك الرجل من جمل الى عشرة جمال على قدر ما يكون الكسب كثيرا او قليلا¹ وهكذا من الغنم ايضا *

و من عوائدهم اذا تصدق ان ذلك الغزو ظهر في الكسب واستخلصه وكانت تلك المعصي اي الرعية التي سلبت من حلال رجل او اثنين و ليس من حلال العربان جميعهم تقوم جميع العربان بوجه العموم و ينظرون قدر الجمال التي سلبت و يجمعون من حلالهم بقدر ما سلبت و يعطونها لهم عيضة² عن جمالهم - و من عوائدهم يكون نصيب عقيد الغزو من الكسب بقدر خمسة من الفرسان و ما تبقى يقسم الكسب على الخيل و ركب الجمال سوية بدون تمييز رجل عن الاخر وهكذا كل عشيرة تمشي على هذه العوائد *

بعض قوانينهم الشرعية

ان القضاة عند العربان سذج لا يعرفون القراءة ولا الكتابة بل انما ياخذون وظيفة القضاة بالارث خلف³ من سلف و هؤلاء القضاة يتفنون⁴ في تحكيم الدعاوي بين المتخاصمين و يعطون كل ذي حق حقه و على ما اظن ان القضاة المتفنين⁵ في العلوم الفقهية لا يقدرون على ما يقدرون⁶ عليه قضاة هؤلاء القوم المتوحشين وهاك بعض اخبار عن دعاوي⁷ حكموا فيها عقليا و ليس عن كتب الشريعة : تصدق ان اخين⁸ مقترنين فقراء⁹ الجمال¹⁰

المتفنين⁵ يتفنون⁴ خلفا³ القضاء² عوضا¹ قليلا¹

كانا Supply¹¹ فقيري¹⁰ اخوين⁹ دعالو⁸ يقدر⁷

ساكنين في بيت واحد وبالصدقة ان نسائهما^١ ولد تاخي يوم واحد الواحدة ولدت ذكر^٢ و الاخرى ولدت انثى^٣ و بينهما ام الولد الذكر نائمة نهضت سلفتها ام الانثى و ذهبت الى فراش ام الولد و اخذت الولد من جانب امه و وضعت ابنها مكانه و من عوائد العرب ان يلفوا الطفل اياما لا يشاكونه ثيابه و في مساء ذلك اليوم قدم رجالهما^٤ من رعية^٥ الطرش فكل واحدة من النساء قالت لبعلي بشري لك يا رجل رزقت غلام^٦ فكون ام الولد الحقيقية تعرف ان سلفتها وضعت ابنة في الحال كشفت عن الولد الذي بجانبها فوجدته ابنتا^٧ و ليس صبيا فاذا اخبرت بعلي بانني انا وضعت الذكر و سلفتني وضعت الانثى^٨ و الان ارى امامي الانثى و بجانب سلفتي الذكر اذ ذاك انتشب الخصام بينهم حتى وصلت المسئلة لشيخ عشيرتهم فامرهما ذلك الشيخ ان يذهبا الى القاضي ليقضي بينهما فتوجها الى القاضي و بسطا دعواهما فعندئذ صدر امر القاضي ان يحلب من ثدي كل من الامراأتين مقدارا بكيل مدقق و وضع ذلك الحليب مقابل^٩ بعضه في ميزان مدقق فرجع حليب ام الذكر على حليب ام الانثى مقدارا حينئذ خرج حكمه ان الحليب الانقل وزنا هو الى ام الذكر و قال ايضا اذا كنتم لا تقبلون بهذا الحكم نحو جوفي ان اجلب القملة و لا يخفى ان عند العرب قبل كثير^{١٠} و قصده في القملة ان يضع كمية من حليب الذكر بصحن و يضع القملة في وسطه فلا تقدر القملة

١ نساءهما

٢ ذكرا

٣ انثى

٤ رجالهما

٥ غلاما

٦ ابنة

٧ بمقابل بعضهما

٨ قملة كثيرا

ان تخلص من حليب الذكر نظراً لوجود الصغ فيه اكثر مما يوجد في حليب الانثى وانما اذا وضعت القملة في حليب الانثى تخرج منه بدون مشقة لعدم وجود المادة فيه و بعد هذا الحكم صار التحريم والفحص المدقق فبان حقيقة ان الولد الذكر سرق من والدته و بعد هذا الحكم سلم الولد لامه الحقيقية و الابفة الى امها *

نبذة ثانية

رجل متزوج بامرأتين الواحدة عاقر و الثانية ليست بعاقرة رزقت الامراة التي ليست بعاقرة ولداً و بهذا السبب صار الرجل يحب ام الولد اكثر من تلك توقع روح الحمد عند الضرة و كمنعت بقلبها ان لابد لي ان اميت هذا الولد و اخذت تترقب الفرص لتفعل هذا الفعل الردي فعندما ذهب في وقت ما ام الولد خارج البيت لتلثق جلة من البرية نهضت تلك الامراة الشريفة و وضعت يدها على فم الطفل و انفه و امانته فطيسا فعندما رجعت ام الولد الى البيت وجدت طفلها ميتا يعلو جسمه ازرقاق صرخت و يبلى³ لماذا فعلت معي هذا الفعل و انتشب الصباح بينهما و انتصرا اهل كل امرأة لنجدتها و قوي الخصام بين الطرفين حتى توصل لدرجة الحرب بينهم فاذا ذلك حضر الامير و سكن الهيجان و امرهم ان يذهبوا الى⁴ عند القاضي ليحكم بينهم فذهبوا و كل منهم صدر دعواه حينئذ طلب القاضي ام الولد على انفراد و قال لها انا اعرف ان ضرتك

الرديّة امانت ابنك حسدا فالان. اطلب منك شيئا^١ اذا فعلتيه^٢ احكم بدم انسان على ضررتك و اقاربها فقالت. تلك الامراة ماذا تطلب مني قال لها اذهبي الى راس الفريق ابي بيوت العربان و اشلحي^٣ ثوبك ولفيه على راسك حتى تبان عورة جسمك لدى العربان جميعهم و اذهبي من راس البيوت الى بيتنا هذا و انت بدون ستره على جسمك. و بعد هذا العمل اخرج الحكم لك اجابته الامراة لا يا مولاي لا افعل هذا الترك دم ابني الطفل و احفظ عرضي بين العربان لان عدمت ابني و اعدم عرضي ايضا لا افعل لا افعل لا افعل قال لها القاضي ادخلي و استريحيني في بيت الحريم^٤ و استدعى الامراة الثانية على انفراد و قال لها اطلب منك شيئا^٥ اذا فعلتيه ابررك من هذه الجناية قالت له امرك ماذا تريد ان افعل اجابها يلزم ان تشلحي ثوبك و تلفيه على راسك كما اخبر ضررتها فعندها قالت الامراة هذا شيء سهل افعله بكل رغبة فقط بشرط انك تبرريني قال لها اذهبي الى راس البيوت و شمري ثوبك و اركضي بوسط العرب من هناك الى هنا كي الجميع يروا^٦ عورتك و انا ابررك فذهبت ان ذاك استدعى القاضي رجلا مهابا و قال له اذهب و راء هذه الامراة الى رأس البيوت و عندما تنظرها رفعت ثوبها عن لحمها حالا البسها الثوب و امنعها و تعال بها الي ههنا ففعل الرجل كما أمر فبعد هذا كله حكم القاضي ان دم الولد يطلب من هذه الامراة الرديّة فالبعض

١ شيئا

٢ فعلته

٣ شيئا

٤ فعلته

٥ يرى الجميع

من أوجه العرب اعترفوا على القاضي كيف تحكم على هذه المرأة بهذه
الجناية بدون شهود اجابهم القاضي ان المرأة التي تبيع عرضها و تكشف
عورتها بدون حياء امام العربان جميعهم بلا شك تفعل هذا الفعل القبيح
اجابوه ان حكمك بموقعه لا يزد و جرى قصاصها بالموت خفقا نظير ما
فعلت بدها *

نبذة ثالثة

اشخاص اثنهما بقتل رجل و هو مسافر في طريقه و لكن لم يعرف
من منهم الذي ارتكب هذه الجناية فاهل القليل قاموا الدعوى على
خمسة اشخاص لعلمهم ان بينهم و بين المقتول ضغائن و لكن لم يقدروا ان
يقولوا زيد قتل عمرا حقيقة فعندما امتثلوا لدى القاضي و فحص
الفحص المدقق و جد جميعهم يبررون ذواتهم و حيث ان لم يوجد شهود
لاثبات تلك الدعوى على واحد مخصوص امر القاضي انه بعد سنة اشهر
اخرج الحكم على الجاني فبعد السنة اشهر طلب القاضي من امير العرب
ان يجمع عموم العربان الى مرجة فسيحكة و يضعهم رجل² بجانب رجل
و اضعين ايديهم على صدورهم بهيئة صليب و اخبرهم بصوت عال ان القاضي
يريد يتكلم في اذانكم فيجب عليكم الاصغاء لاذاك تكلم القاضي في
آذان الجميع قائلا اريد انكلم كلمتين فقط فعندما افوه بهما كل من يبقى
حافظ³ يديه بهيئة صليب على صدره ياخذ من الامير جائزة فرس⁴ و سيفا

ورمحا و قال أقبلتم على هذا الشرط اجابوا جميعهم . نعم اذ ذاك وقف القاضي و الامير و اوجه العرب بجانبهما امام الجمهور المنتظم بالوقوف و تكلم القاضي بصوت عال أيا عرب انا عرفت من طار عقاله عن راسه فهو قاتل ابن البديين اى اسم الرجل المقتول فقبل ان القاضي يطبق فمه و اذا برجل رفع يديه على راسه لامسا عقاله فتقدم الامير و القاضي و اوجه العرب و قبضوا على الرجل و بعد محاربة طويلة اقر ذلك الرجل بان يمينه سفكت دم ذلك المسكين *

عن الايمان

ان البدو يستعملون الخاف في احاديثهم كثيرا فلا يسردون جملة الا و يلفظون بالله و الله مرارا عديدة و صلوة محمد و يقسمون في هذه الالفاظ صادقين¹ ام كاذبون² لاختلاف عندهم اما الايمان³ المعول عليه⁴ عندهم و الذي⁵ يستعملونه⁶ في محاكماتهم و في قضاياهم المهمة هو هذا⁷ (حق⁸ العود و الرب المعبود و خطة سليمان ابن داود) و قبل شروع احدهم في هذا⁹ اليمين يمسك عودا في يده و يرسم به دائرة على الارض امام الحاضرين و حينئذ يلقون هذا¹⁰ اليمين امام اولئك¹¹ القوم الذين يكونون¹² اذ ذاك شهودا عليه و عند حضورهم امام القاضي في دعاوي¹³ مهمة و اوجب الأمر الى الحلف فيلقنه القاضي قائلا قل ايها البدوي و بحق الخنفس و الجواربي

عليها ⁴	اليمين ⁸	كاذبين ⁹	صادقين ¹
و حق ⁸	فهي هذه ⁷	يستعملونها ⁶	و التي ⁵
دعاو ¹⁸	يكونون ¹²	اولئك ¹¹	هذه ¹⁰

الكس و الخضراء و الغبراء فبعد ان يلفظ هذه الكلمات امام الجمهور فيلتزم حينئذ بالغرامة و يقضى الأمر بدرون معالجة ولا مما حكة و ايضا يستعملون غير الفاظ وهي تربة عيسى و موسى فهذه الاقوال الذي² يستعملونها في الحلف و القسم و يتكلمون على هذه الالفاظ في جميع معاملاتهم مع بعضهم البعض فيستدينون من بعضهم فيقتنع الدابن من المديون فقط بالقسم بدرون كتابات رسمية كما هي العوائد بين القوم المتمدين³ و تراهم يصادقون بعضهم ولا يصير اختلاف الاماندر فسبحان من جعلهم يرتضون بهذه القوانين البسيطة *

تابع الجيزة⁴

فالهم بعد ما ينتهون من الرقص و السجدة و من كل ما ذكر سابقا يقوم العريس منتصبا على اقدامه و يهجم راكضا بسرعة بين النساء اخذا من يأتي بطريقه الى المكان الذي تكون فيه العروس حينئذ يضرب العروس بعصا⁵ تكون بيده فيخدش راسها فيعتقد ان ذاك بانه قد تسلط عليها و ما عادت تعصي له امر⁶ ما دامها⁷ في قيد الحياة و يوجد عادة اخرى وهو انه بعد ان ينتهون⁸ من الغذاء و الرقص حسب ما تقدم يوقفون العريس على باب الخباء اي خباء العروس و يتقدم من ورائه شابان قويان و يدفعونه⁹ دفعة قوية فان سقط على وجهه بضحكوا عليه ولا

المتمدين³ التي² و تربة¹

الزيجة⁴ Metathesis for

دما⁷

امرا⁶ بعضا⁵

ينتهبوا⁸

ويده فعاذه⁹

يأذنون له بالزواج تلك الليلة و إلا لم يقع فينصرفون عنه إلى بيوتهم ولا يبقى عنده إلا أقاربه اللزم و حينئذ ينتهي كل شيء *

تابع الحزن

انهم بعد أن يعملون^١ فروض الحزن التي تقدم ذكرها بحملون^٢ الفقيد على الواح كما هي العادة بين الحضر وفي مرورهم على الطريق عندما يصلون إلى بيت يتظاهرون بانهم غير قادرين على المشي معتقدين بان الميت يجذبهم غصبا لفاحية البيت الذي في طريقهم فيميلون إليه فيحينئذ صاحب البيت يجلب للميت حطة أو سلطة أو مياه^٣ حسب المتيسر وهكذا الحال من بيت إلى بيت حتى وصولهم إلى التربة واذ ذاك يوارونه التراب و ينصرف كل واحد منهم إلى بيته بعد أن يغسلوا أيديهم على القبر أي يمسك واحد من الحاضرين إبريقا و يتقدم الحاضرون واحد^٤ فواحد على القبر و يغسلون أيديهم راحمين إياه و يعتقدون بان الروح لم تنزل باقية في اذن الشمال و ان الميت يسمع كل ما يقال له من فروض الصلوة وغيرها *

يعملوا

عبادة ٢

واحد فواحد ٤

MODERN CUSTOMS AMONG THE BEDOUINS OF THE
HAURĀN.

BETROTHAL.

A young man seeks in the first place a suitable girl to whom he may pay his addresses. He then makes repeated visits to her father's tent where he occasionally eats and drinks and may at times impose on the girl the trouble of washing his head and combing his hair. Thus the two have free intercourse with each other without the slightest objection on the part of her people. But throughout the whole of this period, notwithstanding the complete freedom of intimacy between the youth and the girl, they scrupulously adhere to the injunctions of propriety and honour, following in this the custom of civilized communities. When their mutual attachment is assured and they are satisfied that there exists between them similarity of tastes, the youth requests his father to solicit her betrothal to him. The father readily complies and invites the principal men of his tribe and they all mount their horses and proceed to the house of the girl's father who rises to meet them as they approach with the rest of his relatives that may be present. They are helped to dismount and the best carpets at hand are spread for them. Some cow-dung and camel-dung is now quickly brought and a fire kindled in the middle of the tent. Coffee is then prepared and poured out to the guests in cups, each cup containing but a sip. As the oldest among them takes a cup, he places it in front of him, saying to the girl's father, "We will not drink of thy coffee unless thou give her to me." The rest of his companions repeat the same thing in turn. The master of the house, i.e., the father of the girl or one of the chief men of his tribe then addresses them, saying; "Drink your coffee and it shall be as you wish." Upon this, each one takes his cup and drinks it off. In the meanwhile the master of the house orders a sheep or a goat to be slaughtered, the flesh of which is cut into pieces of about half an ounce¹ weight each, and these are boiled in milk till they are thoroughly done and then placed in a large dish of *burghul*² not less in quantity

¹ An ounce, *ونقطة* (from the Greek *obyria* or *obyria*) is one-twelfth of a *riḥl* or pound of twelve ounces; measured in *dirhams*; it was formerly equal to forty, but at the present day it varies in most cities: In Syria, according to the *Majāni 'l Adab*, the ounce equals 86½ *dirhams*.

² This is the name of the ordinary dinner of the Arab peasants. It consists of boiled wheat, dried and husked, prepared with fat or butter, and eaten with sour milk or meat.

than half a *mudd*¹ which is equivalent to a weight of five thousand six hundred *dirhams*.

This dish is set in the midst before the guests, and about two thousand *dirhams* weight² of cold clarified butter is brought and placed in the dish over the *burghul*. One of the relations of the master of the house then comes forward with a ewer of cold water in his hand and lightly washes the hand of each of the guests: The master of the house then turns to his guests and says to them, "Welcome to what has been provided," that is, "partake of the meal." They reply, "We will not eat of thy food unless thou give her to us," upon which, if he desires to give his daughter in marriage to their son, he rejoins, "Be pleased to eat your meal and it shall be as you wish." They then proceed to eat with their hands, using neither spoon nor bread. Some of their habits in eating are curious: for example a man will take as much meal and flesh-meat as the hand can grasp, probably more than sixty *dirhams* weight, and shape it into the form of a ball, and put it into his mouth without touching it with his other hand or masticating it, and catching it upon his tongue, at one mouthful swallow it whole.³ When they are satisfied, they wipe their hands on the side of the tent and they clean whatever remains of grease there may be left, upon their beards. They then return to their seats and take coffee a second time. The father of the youth then turns to the girl's father who⁴ says:—"Be happy, she is thine." On this the former asks what dowry he demands for her. The girl's father answers, "I must

¹ There is a discrepancy in these weights. If the *mudd* be calculated at the ordinary dry measure of $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 *riṭls*, half a *mudd* would be ridiculously little to place on a large dish before hungry Arabs. Taking the equivalent calculation of 5,600 *dirhams*, at $66\frac{2}{3}$ to an ounce, it would give exactly seven *riṭls* or pounds of twelve ounces, which is perhaps a sufficient meal. Or taking 40 *dirhams* to the oz, the ancient weight, this would give $11\frac{1}{2}$ as representing 5,600 *dirhams*. The *mudd* must therefore be an error in the text. In Syria and Egypt at the present day, 12 *mudds* are equal to 6½ kilogrammes, which would make a *mudd* = 1·2 of an English pound avoirdupois.

² Two and a half *riṭls* or pounds of 12 oz., but the *riṭl* varies somewhat. v. Lane. "Mod. Egypt," p. 572.

³ This manner of eating is at least as old as the 'Arabian Nights.' "Jawān the Kurdee stretched forth his hand to the dish, and it resembled the foot of a raven; and he ladled the rice with it, and took it forth resembling the foot of a camel. Then he compressed the handful into the form of a ball, so that it was like a great orange: he threw it rapidly into his mouth and it descended into his throat making a noise like thunder."—"Story of 'Ali Sher and Zamurrud." Lane. II. 418.

⁴ The grammatical construction is here faulty. Either the positions of the fathers of the youth and girl must be inverted in the sentence or the relative pronoun introduced to give the sense of the passage.

have fifteen thousand piastres." Those present then address the father of the bride, one by one beginning with the oldest, saying, "What wilt thou deduct for my sake?" The bride's father replies, "For thy sake I abate of what is due to me, one thousand piastres." The next then requests him to lessen the sum by 900, and in the same way he abates 800 for the third, and so on until he reaches the customary amount according to the established usage among them.¹ When the conference is concluded, the bridegroom's father and the father of the bride rise and kiss each other on the moustache and such of the relatives of both families as may be present stand up and address the fathers of the bride and bridegroom saying, "May their union be blessed; may it be life long." An animal is then slaughtered at the expense of the bridegroom and a dish of *birghul* is prepared therewith and all the relatives of the bride are invited to partake of it. The bridegroom's party then rise to depart, inviting all the members of the bride's family to accompany them to a feast at the tent of the bridegroom. Both² parties then mount and proceed thither. The relatives of the bridegroom welcome them with expressions of delight and pleasure and receive them with all possible honour. Some wealthy man may also on such occasions slaughter a camel worth perhaps twenty gold pieces (*liras*). Both families continue to pay each other visits in this fashion till the marriage contract is duly signed.

MARRIAGE.

The bridegroom's family first send word to the family of the bride informing them of the day on which they require the bride. On the appointed day a party of them mount their horses taking their spears and swords, and some ten girls of the bridegroom's family or of his relatives are decked out and dressed in their best apparel, wearing ornaments of silver or brass and having their hair dressed with camel's urine which gives a bright gloss to its colour.³ And they choose the best of their camels and clothe them with silk trappings of red, green, and yellow; and from both sides of each camel long tassels hang reaching to the ground. Each camel likewise carries a seat accommodating

¹ According to Burton, this is usually about thirty Spanish dollars which were most prized in El Hojáz, in Yomen, the Maria Theresa. The Spanish Government refused to perpetuate its Pillar-dollars, at one time a great favourite in the East. The dollar was called Riyál Fransah. Mecca—III. 82. Edit. 1856.

² The word in the text is طرفية, probably a clerical error for الطرفین meaning الطرفان.

³ Burton observes that the Bedouin hair becomes coarse from exposure, not a little increased by the بول الإبل or wash alluded to in the text. The only cosmetic is clarified butter freely applied both to the body and the hair.

two girls, which they call *ḥaşrah*. The girls are placed two and two on the camels each of which is led by a poor man who receives about six piastres for his hire. When all the horses and the caparisoned camels are ready, the men mount the horses and the girls their camels and they form a cavalcade, the men on horseback brandishing their swords and spears and feigning attacks on each other, while the girls on their litters on the backs of the camels sing with shrill screams of joy some such strain as the following¹:—

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The men never cease attacking each other in mimic combat and the girls to sing till they reach the house of the bride. The horsemen continue their sports for the space of half an hour before the house, after which the men and girls dismount and enter the apartment which the bride occupies, but the girls² and men sit in another apartment where the customary food is brought to them, consisting of *burghul* and meat, and portions thereof for the girls and the bride. After the repast the girls rise and take the bride into a private apartment and heating a cauldron of water they bathe and dress her in garments of wool and silk and lead her forth singing as follows:—

Walk proudly, O daughter of the Emir,
 Thy affianced is the first of horsemen.
 Walk proudly, O daughter of the Bedouins,
 Thy spouse is the slayer of his enemies. .
 Walk proudly, O daughter of the Arab,
 Thy lord is hospitable to the stranger.
 Walk proudly, O daughter of princes
 Thy affianced is Abú Zayd al Hiláli.³

The men then mount their horses and the girls their litters, the bride being seated on one that is decorated and distinguished from the others by its ornamentation. She is accompanied by one of the bride-

¹ I leave the translation of these distiches, of which I can make no decent sense, to greater scholarship or ingenuity than mine. As the lines are not altogether cleanly, delicacy of language not being a point with Arabian ladies, the omission is not to be regretted. The metre is an irregular *Hazaj*. Some of the expressions I do not trace, and the character of the MS. provokes suspicion of its accuracy.

² It is probably meant that the girls and bride are in one apartment and the men in another but the construction will not grammatically admit of this.

³ The exploits of this Admirable Oriohton of the Bedouins, are chanted to this day by professional reciters in the coffee-houses of Cairo. See Lane, "Modern Egyptians," p. 394, for his adventurous history. An episode of this romance 'The Stealing of the Mare' has lately been translated from the Arabic by the accomplished Lady Anne Blunt and done into very graceful verse by her husband. Its completion by the same hands is much to be desired.

groom's female relations, his sister, his niece, or a cousin, and with the horses and litters a single cavalcade is formed. The men renew their mimic attacks, and the girls their song from the litters. This procession is styled *Fāridah*, and they thus proceed, the horsemen skirmishing and the women singing, till they reach the bridegroom's house when a tournament is held for the space of about an hour, which the girls from their brancards accompany with loud screams of joy.

When this is concluded the men and girls dismount and lead the bride to the house of some neighbour who has arranged previously to meet and invite her thither, and he causes some lambs to be killed and about a quarter of a *Ḳinḡār*¹ of *burghul* to be prepared. Two large dishes are filled, and a quantity of clarified butter poured over them and one dish is placed before the men and the other before the bride and the women. When the repast is over, a relation of the bridegroom places in the neighbour's hand half a *besklik*,² equivalent in value to a piastre and a half, upon which he calls out with a loud voice, "May God reward thee for this, O such a one," mentioning his name and adding, "may you live for ever—this is half a *lira*."³ Upon this every one present comes forward one by one and gives the man a piastre, or a piastre and a half, and he exclaims in a loud voice, "May God reward thee for this, O such a one! this is a *lira*," and thus they continue one after another in this manner until not a single person is omitted. After this, the women and the girls advance likewise and put into the man's hand a few *dirhams*, upon which he exclaims, "May God reward thee, O such a one, this is half a *lira*," and so on until all the women and girls have passed. This custom they call *nukūf*.⁴ The whole sum collected does not exceed one hundred and fifty piastres. When this ceremony is concluded, the man to whom this function is delegated, places all the pieces collected into a wrapper and presents it to the bride. This custom is termed *Shobāsh*,⁵ and

¹ The *Ḳinḡār* according to Dozy (the French quintal from the root of the Lat. *centum*) is a weight of a hundred pounds and is still of that measure in Syria.

² As a unit of value, it is a piece of five piastres (from the Turkish *bes*, five, and the termination *lik* (لك) or *lik* (لق), signifying function or quality), but local variations no doubt account for the difference in the text.

³ This is said *honoris causa*, to magnify the amount of the gift. The Turkish *lira* (gold) was current at 80½ to 83½ *krans* to the pound sterling in Turkish Arabia in 1891, the Indian rupee at 2½ *krans*, varying of course according to the relative value of the metals. The *ghursh* or piastre is a corruption of the German *groschen*.

⁴ Plural of *نقط* *nakat*, pieces of money given to musicians at a fête or to the bride at a wedding, as in this instance. v. Lane, "Mod. Egypt.," XXVII.

⁵ This term occurs in the "Arabian Nights" (715th night) pronounced *Shobash* (شوبش) in Egypt, and *Shubāsh* in Arabia, derived from the Persian *Shāh-bāsh*,

is meant as an assistance to the bridegroom. After this, a quantity of fire-wood and cow-dung is collected, and the whole of it is placed in a large meadow, and about an hour after sunset all the men, that is, the whole tribe, assemble, armed with old pistols loaded with powder, and they set fire to the wood collected in the meadow at one time so that the flame shoots up to the height of five or six yards. All the men present then form a circle round the fire, and begin to shout the word *hawalah, hawalah, hawalah*, which they repeat continuously for about four hours without adding to it a single syllable. This ring presents a most inspiring sight for the fire is generally in full blaze and the men stand around it one beside the other, shoulder to shoulder, the right foot advanced and the left set back, like troops in order of battle, and they clap their hands together in such a manner that a spectator would be unable to determine whether it was a single stroke or the union of many, for they lower them together and raise them together: and notwithstanding the number of men in the circle, it would be impossible to discover one man in advance of another by a finger's breadth, as if they were proficient in geometrical science. When the circle is formed, some three or four women and girls of the bridegroom's relations, wearing their richest apparel and decked with ornaments and trinkets of silver and each with a sword in her hand, enter the middle of the ring and begin to dance, brandishing their swords and directing their points towards the men forming the circle as though attacking an enemy. Upon this the men get wild with excitement like savage animals and draw their pistols loaded with powder, pointing them at the feet of the women and girls as they dance. This performance continues for about four or five hours, the men and the women and the girls vehement and impassioned like camels or excited steeds; and all the while the perspiration pours down from the persons of the men and the dancing women as if from a spout of water. When their strength is exhausted with fatigue, some notable advanced in years, enters the circle formed by the men and calls out in a loud voice, "They are under your protection, O youths, they are under your protection;" upon which they cease their sport and excitement and take rest, and if one were to look at the hands of some of the youths next morning, they would be found swollen from excessive beating and at times their colour blue from the clapping together of the palms and it is often long before they are able to touch anything with their hands.

When all this severe exercise is concluded, they sit in companies

and is synonymous with *nuṣṣaf*. The allusion is to the buffoon's cry at an Egyptian feast, "Shobash 'alayk, ya Sāhib al faraj," i.e., 'a present is due from thee, O giver of the feast.' y. Lane, "Mod. Egypt," XXVII.

on the ground and coffee which has been prepared for them is brought, after drinking which they depart, each one to his house. On the following day they re-assemble and return to the bridegroom, singing and firing off their pieces. The bridegroom prepares a repast in honour of the youths and after they have eaten and drank, they set to singing and dancing throughout the rest of the day. After this, the bridegroom is feasted in their houses for the space of seven days, breakfasting with one, dining with another and supping with a third until at the conclusion of the seven days the festival terminates.

HOSPITALITY.

When a stranger approaches the tent of his host, its owner rises and hastens to meet him, holds the bridle of his horse and assists him to dismount and ties up the animal. Then with all expedition he brings out his best carpets and spreads them in an apartment of the tent not occupied by the women. A fire is quickly lighted and coffee is brought and he prepares a coffee-pot and offers it first to his guest and afterwards to any others present. After the coffee, some food is brought for the guest and when the guest or guests have eaten, the relatives of the host that may be present partake of the food that the guests have left. Should they invite the host to join them, he refuses, saying, "the host may not serve his own interests—be pleased to eat." When all present have eaten, the host comes and partakes of what food remains. Meanwhile an animal will have been killed and after a little, the host produces a dish of *burghul* and serves it on a platter of brass or wood of not less than a yard in width, and slices the meat in pieces upon the *burghul* and places upon the side of the platter the fat tail of the lamb together with the leg, before the guest. This large piece of meat goes by the name of *Shazât*. Before the meat is served, some water is brought that the guests may wash their hands, after which the meal is placed in the middle and some cold clarified butter is brought and placed on the top of the dish. The host then looks at his guest and says, "Partake, O stranger, of what has been provided," and he invites also those of his relatives who are present, who come forward and sit round the dish and begin to catch up portions in their palms; that is, they take a handful and shape it into a ball, fashioned somewhat oblong and placing the thumb below it, put it into their mouths and pressing it with the tongue, swallow it without the slightest chewing or mastication. Some of these balls occasionally equal a weight of sixty *dirhams*. When those present at the meal are so many that they cannot find room to sit at the dish together, they wait till a place is vacant, and as one vacates a seat, another takes his place and so on until all have eaten.

Meanwhile, that is during the repast, if the butter on the dish should run short, they add more, and one may sometimes see the butter streaming from the hands of the eaters as from a spout. When all present have had their fill, the host comes forward and eats from the side of the dish which often contains portions of food foul from the hands that have been stretched over it. If a guest stays till evening, fodder is given to his horse and another animal is killed, according to the manner above described.

It is customary for the guest when he is at table, to take some meat and give a piece to each of those present who are not seated at the meal in the first instance. When one of those seated at table rises, the host says to him,—“Fill O such a one, this vacant place.” When the meal is done, the guest says to the host,—“Many thanks to the host; be this followed with lawful recompense.” Meanwhile coffee is continuously being made and whenever one coffee-pot is emptied, another is produced until the guest departs. After his departure he continues still under the hospitality of his host who is responsible for any harm that may befall him, but should he become the guest of others on the road and partake of their hospitality and an accident subsequently occur or he be robbed, it is a charge on the later host and the responsibility of the first determines.

The rights of the host against the robber of his guest are based on prescribed rules. If it happen that the guest be plundered when on his journey from his host's roof, the latter rides with a number of horsemen of his kindred and tribe and visits the chief of the tribe to which the robber belongs and thus addresses him, “Such and such a one was our guest on such a day and he is a traveller on the road and our salt was in his stomach, (i. e., he partook of our food) and he departed and before he had eaten of the salt of others, he was set upon by such a one of your tribe at a certain place. And when the man attacked him, he informed him that he was our guest and notwithstanding his protest that he was travelling under the protection of our salt, he robbed him nevertheless. Now we demand our due.” Thereupon the chief of the plunderer's tribe sends after the offender and recovers the whole of the property robbed and makes it over to its owner. He then charges him with an indemnity for the host whose guest has been robbed, consisting of a male and female camel, ten head of sheep, a sword and a spear.

If the tribe of the robber refuse the demands of the guest's entertainers and will not give up the property plundered nor pay the indemnity to the host of the stranger, hostilities ensue between the tribes and occasionally many lives are lost.

Among the rights of the guest is that he shall leave his host's roof as he entered it and if, as sometimes happens, his horse is stolen from his host's house or should die, the host must provide another for him. In fine, the respect and reverence paid to a stranger among the Arabs are very great, which is a proof of their generous spirit, their magnanimity and sense of honour.

MOURNING.

The customs observed on occasions of death. When a tribes-man dies all the men of his clan assemble and those who possess horses mount them and engage in a tournament as if they were on the field of battle.

In about half an hour's time, the horsemen dismount and tie up their horses and approaching the dead man, lay him out on a bed and place his weapons by his side. The women then advance attired in their best garments, with swords in their hands and begin to dance, brandishing their swords and singing for the space of about six hours, after which they follow to the interment. When the burial is over, the men and women return to the tent of the deceased and animals are killed and food prepared at the expense of the relatives of the deceased. The dishes are handed round to all present and after the repast, the men return to their houses and the women to the house of the deceased, where they remain during a period of from seven to forty days, the length of their stay depending on the position of the deceased. If he be among the chiefs of the tribe, the mourning and lamentations continue throughout forty days, but if he be of humble station, the period does not exceed seven days. During the whole of this time the relatives of the deceased must furnish the food and drink, coffee and tobacco, three times a day to all the women present.

On the expiry of this period, it is imperative on the relatives of the deceased to present each woman with some wearing apparel, that is, a garment such as a vest or petticoat of cloth, or head-dress or vesture¹ of silk, or a red boot.

Should the deceased happen to be one of the chiefs or of the richer class of the tribe, the expenses incurred by his people for food, drink, coffee and tobacco, sometimes exceed one hundred and fifty *liras*. Among their customs also is the following:—When news of a death reaches the neighbouring Arab families, each family repairs to the tent of the deceased to offer their condolences and take with them sheep and goats for slaughter which they term *kaydah*.²

¹ The word is *sha*, which I do not find in any dictionary, and is not noticed by Dozy in his "Dict. des noms des Vêtements chez les Arabes."

² I transliterate with diffidence: the vowel-points are not given and the word

On arrival at the house of the deceased, all the animals that have been brought are killed, even to the very last, and are served up to the mourners upon dishes of *burghul* over which the butter flows liquid as water and the mode of eating is by pressing the food into balls, as is the custom on festive occasions. Another of their customs is that the women who are blood-relations of the deceased, such as his sister, his daughter, his wife or the wives of his brothers and uncles, tear their cheeks with their nails till the blood flows and rend their garments and throw dust upon their heads. Another custom is to let their hair loose over the face and shoulders. After the lapse of six months, the men and women of the tribe assemble at the house of the deceased and mourn for him during the day, at the close of which they visit the grave, and this ceremony is also performed on the anniversary of the death. The animals slaughtered after the interment of the deceased are called "a solace to the deceased."

HOSTILE INCURSIONS.

By the word *ghazw* is signified the hostilities of Arab tribes against each other. When one tribe intends a foray against another, the Shaykh of the tribe warns the whole of his clansmen three days previous to the expedition. Upon this their leaders meet at the Shaykh's house, who, after performing the duties of hospitable entertainment and furnishing the horses with provender, thus addresses them,— "O chiefs of the Arabs, I have certain information that such and such a tribe of Arabs is encamped at a certain spot, and their gathering is extremely small and we mean to attack them after three days. Therefore warn your people to be in readiness, and at the appointed time let the horse assemble in such and such a district, and at such and such a spot."

Thereupon the leaders quit their chief, each one departing to his own party, and when they reach their tents, each of them assembles his men and entertains them and after the entertainment he addresses them as follows:—"We intend to attack such and such a tribe, at such and such a spot, on a certain day, and all the horsemen must be there assembled." The men then severally depart to their tents and every horseman must provide the requisites for the march in food and water for himself and his horse and the needful amount of barley for his horse, and on the appointed day, the horse assemble in one body, every horseman having his things laden on a camel and each camel led by a picked

is unknown to me in this sense, though *Kaud* (قود) and *Kiddat* have the meaning of a present or contribution of horses or camels, either as gifts or in token of vassalage.

man of its owner's relations; these camels are called by them *rakb* (camel-troop). The leader of the whole expedition is the Shaykh of the tribe, whom all obey. When the whole force is assembled, the Shaykh thus addresses them: "Ride forth, O horsemen, and you, O camel-drivers, go to a certain spot and there await the horsemen till they come to you." Upon this the horsemen set forth, making for the enemy's cattle where they may be grazing on the plain, and the camels march to the appointed place and lie in concealment. Let us now turn to the horsemen.

When they arrive within six or seven hours from the habitations of the enemy, the horsemen lie in ambush in a certain defile. A detachment of about ten of them then set out and march on till they near the enemy's tents and lie in ambush during the whole day and night, and in the morning they watch the direction taken by the cattle and the herdsmen to pasture. And as cattle must necessarily be sent with the drover to the plain, as soon as the horsemen on the look-out observe the herd leaving the tents for the pasturage, the detachment make for the ambush of their own people to give them notice that the cattle are moving towards a certain quarter. Upon this the Shaykh rides with the whole of his force after the cattle, having, as they put foot in stirrup, uttered some such words as, 'May God provide for our families!' When they arrive within an hour's distance of the cattle, they scatter in pursuit and collect all the cattle together and drive them forward in front of their horses. It is not long before the news reaches the owners of the cattle, who mount their horses to save their property from the hands of the enemy. Sometimes the pursuit by these horsemen of those of the enemy continues a whole day or more, until the one body overtakes the other, when the scales of fray and contest are balanced between the two forces. Should the owners of the cattle prevail, they recover the plundered camels and sheep and return with song and chants of victory and triumph and their women come out to meet them an hour's distance from the encampment with dance and pæans of joy. We shall now describe a few incidents of their skirmishes and attacks and the customs they therein observe. When a horseman overtakes another and wounds him with his lance or sword and hurls him from his horse to the ground, the latter calls to his overthrewer: 'I am under thy protection; spare me, as may God spare thee' The victor then dismounts from his horse and binds his fallen adversary, driving him in foot in front of him after despoiling him of his weapons, and remounting, leads the horse of his captive behind him till he reaches his own people. He then digs a pit in the ground before his tent, about a yard in depth,

and places his captive in it and fills it, up partially with earth and sets a covering over the pit. The feet of the captive are, meanwhile, fettered with iron, and every day he is given a little food and he is also daily taken out of the pit for about an hour for the usual necessities of nature. As often as he goes beyond the tents, his arms are pinioned and he is guarded by an armed man. When his needs are satisfied beyond the encampment, he returns with his guard behind him, who sets him in the pit as before. Sometimes the prisoner dies under this treatment and at others they take pity on him and set him free. But if another war breaks out between the two tribes, and the man captured again falls into their hands, they strike off his head at once without mercy. Another custom is the following; when one horseman meets another on the field of battle and cuts him down, the other cries out, "Spare me, as may God spare you: this shall be to me as a day of the days of the Arabs."¹ Upon this the victor stays his stroke from his suppliant enemy and exclaims, 'God has given thee life; go in peace and this shall be to thee as a day of the days of the Arabs.' But if in subsequent hostilities between the tribes, the vanquished horseman is victorious and the one who had previously given him quarter or any of his relations falls into his power, he spares them and does not in any way molest them. This conduct is called by them an interchange of courtesy, but the honour rests with the first.

The narrative must now revert to the "RAKIB," that is to the men before-mentioned, who were leading the camels and were in hiding with the water, provisions and fodder for the horses, awaiting the arrival of the foragers. These, whether successful or otherwise, must necessarily pass the camel-troop expecting them, and as soon as the horsemen arrive, the former mount their beasts. If the horsemen are driving their booty before them and the owners of the cattle are in pursuit to recover the cattle and the fight is going on, (they join)² against the enemy. Sometimes the defeat of the enemy is due to the camel-riders. But if the horsemen reach the camel-troop in defeat and not victorious, the latter accompany the horsemen returning to their people. Another of their customs is as follows: should the horsemen be returning from the foray with their booty and meet a man or a woman, the traveller, whether man or woman, will look towards the leader of the horsemen and say, "Brand the foot," and he will reply, "Welcome, welcome."³ Thereupon the man will say to the Arab Shaykh, the leader

¹ The word "day" in this sense signifies a day of battle, and the "days of the Arabs," the recital of their engagements.

² These words are omitted and the ellipsis mars the sense.

³ In the text *إهلا و مرحبا* for *هلا و رحب*.

of the horsemen, "A share of the plunder, a share of the plunder;" upon which the leader will order a portion of the booty to be given him, whether of camels or of sheep. Sometimes the man's portion may be from one to ten camels, according as the plunder was much or little, and so likewise of the sheep. Another custom is this: should the expedition be successful in the capture of booty and carry it away, and the herds¹ that are harried belong to one or two individuals and not to the tribe in general, the whole tribe assemble and ascertain the number of camels that have been taken and collect of their own a number equal to that plundered, and give it to them in place of their camels. The share of the leader of the foray is customarily five times the amount allotted to individual horsemen. The remainder is divided equally between the cavalry and the camel riders without distinction of persons.

These customs are common to all the tribes.

SOME USAGES OF LAW.

The Judges among the Arabs are plain, blunt men, unable to read and write, inheriting the office from father to son. They settle the claims of litigants with prompt decision, giving to each one his due; and in my opinion the regular judges versed in the science of jurisprudence, fail in effecting what is accomplished by these uncivilised tribunals.² And here I will cite some instances of their decisions, arrived at by the exercise of common sense and not by the aid of treatises on law. Two married brothers in poor circumstances once lived in the same house, and it happened that both their wives were delivered on the same day, one giving birth to a boy, the other to a girl. While the mother of the boy was asleep, her sister-in-law, the mother of the girl, arose, and going to her bed took the child from her side and placed her own girl in its place. Now it is a custom among the Arabs to swathe their infants for some days and not to remove their bands. In the evening of the same day, when their husbands returned from pasturing their herds, each of the wives said to her husband:—"Good tidings, husband, I have been given a boy." Now the boy's real mother was aware that her sister-in-law had been delivered of a girl, and straight-way unswathing the child by her side, she discovered

¹ *عصى* plur. of *عصا*, literally, a shepherd's staff, and derivatively a flock of sheep (generally 400), committed to his charge. v. Dozy. Art. *عصر*. Here it is used synonymously with *رعيّة*, a herd of grazing camels.

² The *Kāzi el Arab* observes Burton, was almost always some sharp-witted grey-beard, with a minute knowledge of genealogy and precedents, a retentive memory and an eloquent tongue. Mecca, iii. 45.

that it was a girl and not a boy : upon this she told her husband that she had brought forth a male, and her sister-in-law a female child, whereas now she found the female with herself and the male by the side of her sister. A contention arose, therefore, among them till the matter was carried to the Shaykh of the tribe, who directed them to proceed to the Kádhi who should judge between them. They presented themselves before the Kádhi and stated their case. The Kádhi thereupon ordered that a determinate measure of milk should be taken from the breasts of both the women, and he then weighed the milk of the one against the other in accurate scales. The milk of the boy's mother weighing somewhat heavier than that of the mother of the girl, he decided that the heavier milk belonged to the mother of the male child. He added that if they would not accept this decision, he would be compelled to put it to the test of the louse. Now lice are very common with the Arabs, and his intention was to place some of the milk of the male-child in a dish and to put a louse in the middle of it, whence it would not be able to extricate itself from the milk of the male owing to the presence of greater viscosity than is found in the milk of the female. Whereas if the louse be set in the milk of the female child, it will crawl out without difficulty, from the absence of this viscons matter. After the decision was given, an investigation and a close enquiry proved that the male child was stolen from his mother and in accordance with the sentence, the boy was restored to his true mother and the girl to hers.

A SECOND INSTANCE.

A man married two women. One proved barren, the other not so. The latter gave birth to a son, for which reason her husband preferred her to the other. A violent jealousy took possession of the rival wife and she concealed in her heart a determination to destroy the child and she watched a favourable opportunity to commit the evil deed. One day, when the boy's mother set forth from the house to collect camel's-dung in the desert, the wicked woman placed her hand upon the child's mouth and nose and suffocated it. When the child's mother returned she found her son dead and the body turned blue whereupon she set up a shriek and kept wailing, "Alas, why hast thou done this to me," and a clamour arose between them, each wife's people taking her side and the altercation became violent till a war was imminent between them. At this juncture the chief arrived and quieted the tumult and ordered them to go before the Kádhi to decide between them. They duly presented themselves and set forth their complaints. The Kádhi called the mother of the boy aside and said to her,—“ I know that thy wicked

rival has killed thy son through envy. Now I require thee to do a thing, to which if thou consentest, I will lay the charge of murder against thy rival and her relations." The woman replied,—“What is it thou requirest of me?” He answered, “Go to the farthest end of the encampment and take off thy garment and wrap it round thy head so that thy shame be seen before all the Arabs, and walk from the end of the camp to this tent without any covering on thy body, after which I will decide in thy favour.” The woman answered,—“No, my lord, I will not do this; rather will I forego the vengeance for the blood of my child and preserve my honour among the Arabs, or I shall lose both my child and my honour. I will never do this; never, never.” The Kádhi replied—“Retire and rest in the women’s apartment.” He next called the other wife aside and said to her,—“I require thee to do something, which if thou dost, I will absolve thee from this crime.” She replied, “I am at thy orders; what dost thou wish me to do?” He rejoined, “Thou must take off thy garment and wrap it round thy head,” &c., as he had spoken to the rival wife. She answered at once: “This is easy, I will do it with willingness on condition that thou acquittest me.” He said to her,—“Go to the end of the encampment and gird up thy garments and run through the midst of the Arabs, from thence hither, that all may behold thy shame and I will acquit thee.” Upon which she set forth; whereupon the Kádhi summoned a respectable man and said to him, “Go after this woman to the end of the tents and if thou seest her uncovering her person, make her put on her garments and forbid her and bring her hither.” The man did as he was ordered and after this, the Kádhi decided that the blood of the child should be demanded of the wicked woman. Some of the tribal chiefs objecting to sentence being passed against the woman in a crime of this nature without evidence, he replied that a woman who would sacrifice her reputation and immodestly uncover her shame before all the tribe, would undoubtedly be capable of so base a deed. They answered that his sentence was just, and she was condemned to death by strangulation, such as she herself had perpetrated with her own hands.

A THIRD INSTANCE.

A number of persons were suspected of the murder of a traveller on his journey, but it was not known which of them was guilty of the crime. The relatives of the murdered man prosecuted five of them, from the knowledge that feelings of enmity had existed between them and the deceased, but they were not able to say definitely that *this* particular individual had killed *that*. When they appeared before the judge and he interrogated them searchingly, he found that all of

them repudiated the charge and as there were no witnesses to prove the case against any particular person, he declared that he would bring the criminal to justice in six months. After the lapse of the six months, the Kádhi requested the chief of the tribe to assemble the people on a large plain and place them side by side with their hands folded upon their breasts in the form of a cross. The chief told them in a loud voice that the Kádhi desired to whisper something to them, to which they should listen. Upon this the Kádhi whispered in the ears of all of them saying, "I wish to say but two words only, and when I speak them everyone who keeps his arms crossed on his breast, shall receive from the Emir a present of a horse, a sword, and a spear. Do you accept this condition?" he added. They all assented, and the Kádhi with the Emir and the other chiefs in attendance, stood before the assembled crowd, while the Kádhi thus exclaimed in a loud voice: "O, Arabs! I know that he whose fillet of rope¹ shall fly off his head, is the murderer of Ibn u'l'Badín,"* (the name of the murdered man). Before the Kádhi had closed his lips, a man raised his hand to his head and felt his band. Thereupon the Emir, the Kádhi, and the chiefs came forward and laid hold of him, and he, after much questioning, confessed that he had killed the unfortunate man with his own hand.

THEIR OATHS.

The Bedouins constantly make use of oaths in their conversation. They cannot string a sentence together without *b'lláh* or *ta'lláh* frequently reiterated, or *Salát-Muhammad*. These words are used in adjuration whether they speak truly or falsely, which makes no difference to them. But the oath which they regard as reliable and which they employ in their tribunals, and in important cases, is the following:—"By the staff and the adored Lord, and the geomancy² of Solomon, the son of David." Before taking this oath, the man grasps a staff in his hand and describes therewith a circle upon the ground in front of the bystanders, after which he takes this oath before the company, who thereby become witnesses against him. When they appear before the Kádhi in any important case, and the point is to be decided by oath, the Kádhi addresses him saying, "Say, O Bedouin, by

¹ This is the band of rope (*ikál*) which serves to fasten the *káfíyyah* or kerchief of cotton or silk, which the Bedouin wears round his head. Barton transliterates this word incorrectly, as *Akal*, in his *El. Misr.* I., 346, ed. 1855.

² علم الخط وخط, equivalent to علم الرمل or geomancy.—These are lines made in sand, and even on paper, by the diviners; an ancient practice, according to Lane, still carried on at the present day, and employed to discover secret thoughts and things unknown and the like.

the stars and the planets, and the heavens and the earth." On his pronouncing these words before the assembly, the indemnity is paid, and the case is decided without further contention or dispute. They also employ other words, such as—"By the tomb of Isa and of Músa." Such are the expressions they make use of in their oaths and asseverations. They pronounce these words in all their dealings with each other, and if one should borrow of another, the lender is satisfied with the oath alone without the written bonds customary among civilised communities. Experience shows that they keep due faith with each other and it is rarely that any differences arise between them. Praise be to God who has made them contented with their simple institutions!

SUPPLEMENT TO THE OBSERVATIONS ON MARRIAGE.

When the dancing and singing and the ceremonies previously mentioned are over, the bridegroom rises to his feet, and rushes quickly through the women, taking any that may come on his way to the apartment occupied by the bride. He then strikes the bride with a staff, bruising her head, in the belief that he thereby acquires power over her and that she will never dispute his authority as long as she lives. Another custom is as follows: when the song and dance are over as above described, they make the bridegroom stand at the door of the bridal apartment, while two vigorous youths come up behind and push him with all their force. Should he fall on his face, they make merry over him and do not suffer him to marry that night, but if he does not fall, they depart to their homes and only his near relatives remain with him and the ceremonies are concluded.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE OBSERVATIONS ON MOURNING.

When the mourning ceremonies are concluded, as above-mentioned, they carry the corpse upon wooden boards, as is customary with people in the towns. As they proceed and pass by any tent on their road, they feign inability to advance as if the deceased were dragging them by force to the tent they are passing, and so they carry him to it. The master of the house brings out for the corpse a vesture, a jacket or cloak, such as he may happen to possess, and this takes place from tent to tent till they reach the cemetery. They then bury him and return home after washing their hands upon the grave. This is done by one of the men present taking a ewer, while the rest step forward one by one to the grave and wash their hands, invoking the mercy of God upon him. They believe that the soul continues to abide in the left ear, and that the deceased hears all that is said to him whether prayers or aught else.

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CHAPTER I.

THE PLACE OF MAN IN NATURE.

In the first attempt to classify the animal kingdom, Linnæus placed men and monkeys side by side in the order of mammals which he designated Primates. In our own time there has been much discussion of the question whether the differences between the two correspond to the distinction between an order and a sub-order. Owen thought he had proved that in man alone the lesser brain is completely surpassed in size by the larger; but his theory, which would have given to man an indisputably higher structural rank than the most advanced apes, is now generally admitted to have been based upon erroneous observations.

Even the standard distinction between man as an animal with two hands, and apes as creatures with four, has been swept away by recent

investigations. Professor Huxley* has shown that in all important relations of number, arrangement and form, the tarsal bones of the gorilla resemble those of man. The only difference is, that in the gorilla the metatarsal bones are relatively longer and more slender, while the great toe is comparatively shorter and weaker, and along with its metatarsal bones is joined to the base of the foot by a looser and more pliable joint. But although the gorilla's hind member must be admitted to be structurally a true foot, its functions differ from those of the human foot, and this fact alone raises the morphological status of man far above that of the highest apes. Status in this sense depends upon specialisation of function. The more purposes a given member has to discharge the lower is its morphological rank. Thus a man's foot can only be used for walking; while a gorilla's foot, although a true foot in virtue of its anatomical character, is also a prehensile organ and therefore less specialised and of a lower type. Apes walk either on the outside edge of their feet, or, like the orang-outang and chimpanzee, on the upper surfaces of their toes, which are folded down when the erect position is assumed.† Differences of habit again lead to modifications of structure. The upright position leads to the shortening of the arms, which are no longer used for locomotion, though they retain their power of prehension, and causes the pelvis to assume the dish-like form adapted to support the intestines. The relatively capacious skull is evenly balanced on the vertebral column, and if, as is the case with the Negro, the jaws project greatly, the correlative development of the cerebellum serves to maintain equilibrium.

Embryological differences* must not be left out of consideration. Eighty years ago Johann Friedrich Meckel, of Halle, discovered that during the period of immaturity, which lasts from the fertilization of the ovum to the first manifestations of sexual aptitudes, every animal passes through all the various stages of development which characterise the lower forms of life during their whole existence. At birth the difference between the human infant and the monkey is comparatively small. It takes an expert to distinguish the skull of a child from that of a chimpanzee. In point of size there is little to choose; but an ape's brain does not grow much. Although it resembles the human brain in structure, its development follows quite a different course. The brain of the ape has, as a rule, stopped growing by the time the animal has got its second set of teeth, which is just the time when the real development of a child's brain begins. *Per contra*, the facial bones of the ape grow more rapidly, so that the biggest monkeys have the brain of an

* Huxley, *The Place of Man in Nature*, p. 105.

† Darwin, *Descent of Man*, i, p. 120.

infant combined with the jaws of an ox. So also the inter-maxillary bone disappears earlier in the human embryo than is the case with monkeys. It follows from all this that continued development can never turn a monkey into a man, for the evolution of the two types goes on in different directions, and the degree of divergence would therefore tend constantly to increase. In some of the lowest monkeys, whose development has been arrested, as is the case with the marmoset of Eastern Brazil, the brain-case approaches the human type more closely than that of the anthropoid apes.* It is therefore a vulgar error to suppose that the evolution hypothesis traces the descent of man to one of the four higher varieties of apes. Neither Darwin nor any of his followers have ever said anything of the kind, but have always maintained that the ancestors of the human race must have diverged from some long extinct variety of the catarrhine group in the early part of the tertiary epoch. In order to verify this hypothesis intermediate forms must be discovered connecting the eocene apes with the men of the present day. The chain of structural modification will then be complete. This missing link, however, will probably be found, not in Europe, which man seems first to have entered after his present stage of organization had been reached, but in Asia or Equatorial Africa, regions more likely *primâ facie* to have been the cradle of the human race.

We have spoken thus far only of physical characters, which entitle man merely to rank in the animal kingdom as a sub-order of the Primates. These are what determine his place from the scientific point of view, which is all that we are now concerned with. In the later papers we hope to deal with some of the higher distinctions between men and animals.

In illustration of the different phases through which the question has passed the most notable classifications of men and monkeys are shown below.

Order of Primates.

Linnaeus—1735.

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1st genus.	Homo	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 3em; margin-right: 5px;">{</div> <div> <i>Species sapiens</i> <i>Species sylvestris or trglodytes</i> : Orang, etc. </div> </div>	
2nd genus.	Simia.		
3rd genus.	Lemurs.		
4th genus.	Vespertilio.		

* Virchow, *Menschen und Affenschädel*, p. 25.

Cuvier—1828.

1st order. Bimana: Man.

2nd order. Quadrumana—

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| 1st family. Monkeys. | { 1st tribe. Monkeys of old world. |
| | { 2nd tribe. Monkeys of new world. |
| 2nd family. Marmosets. | |
| 3rd family. Lemurs. | |

Huxley—1871.

1. Anthropidæ: Man.

2. Simiadæ	{ Catarrhine	{ Anthropomorphic.
	{ Platyrrhine	{ Cynomorphic.
	{ Arctopithecæ.	

3. Lemurs.

Broca—1870.

1st family. Man.

2nd family. Anthropoids (chimpanzee, gorilla, orang, and gibbon).

3rd family. Pitheca (semnopitheca, or sacred monkeys of India).

4th family. Cebia.

5th family. Lemurs.

Broca—1877-1880.

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| 1st: Anthropomorphi | { A. Man. |
| | { B. Anthropoid. |
| 2nd: Monkeys | { C. Pitheca. |
| | { D. Cebia. |

According to Huxley, the different races of mankind fall naturally into two primary divisions: the *Ulotrichi*, with crisp or woolly hair; and the *Leiotrichi*, with smooth hair.

Among the *Ulotrichi* the colour of the skin ranges from yellowish-brown to the deepest charcoal-black. The hair and eyes are almost invariably dark, and the entire group, with the exception of the Andamanese, is dolichocephalic. The Negroes and Bushmen of Africa, and the Negritos of the Malay region, and of the Papuan islands belong to this stock. Some writers have proposed to include the Dravidians of India among them, but it may be doubted whether the physical characteristics of this type have yet been determined with sufficient certainty to enable the question to be finally settled.

The *Leiotrichi* or smooth-haired division are further divided into four groups:—

1. *Australioid* with dark skin and eyes, wavy, black hair and long prognathous skulls with well developed brow ridges. The Australians

are the chief representatives of this type, and Huxley also includes in it the inhabitants of the Dekhan and the ancient Egyptians. As regards the people of the Dekhan a doubt may be suggested, whether the data available are ample enough to justify this conclusion. One may also fairly ask what is meant by the phrase inhabitants of the Dekhan. Presumably the Dravidians, but the category is so large and indefinite that it may well give rise to some misapprehension. One is tempted to surmise that the people of the Dekhan have been included in this type on the strength of an examination of a limited number of Museum specimens, about the least trustworthy kind of evidence that can be resorted to. No one who is acquainted with the conditions which govern the collection and preparation of skulls in India, can fail to regard with profound distrust any of the ordinary collections; for the simple reason that in nine cases out of ten there is, and from the nature of the case can be, no guarantee whatever that the skulls are what they are represented to be. Pending therefore the fuller examination and determination of the Dravidian type, which may perhaps be looked for, we may be permitted to suspend judgment on the question whether it should be included in the Australioid group.

2. Next in order comes the *Mongoloid* group, with usually yellowish-brown or reddish-brown skins and dark eyes, the hair being long, black, and straight. The characteristic Mongolian skull is brachycephalic; in fact the most pronounced cases of brachycephaley are found among this group, and all Asiatic Mongols are markedly brachycephalic. On the other hand, the American Mongols are usually dolichocephalic.

3. The *Xanthrochroic* group is marked by fair skins, blue eyes, and abundant fair hair. The skulls of the most typical members of the group are almost invariably dolichocephalic, indeed Penka (*Die Herkunft der Arier*) regards this as one of the chief characteristics of the Xanthrochroic Scandinavians; but in Southern Europe the brachycephalic representatives of the type out-number the dolichocephalic. Teutons, Scandinavians, Slavonians, and the fair Celts are the chief members of this group; but distant off-shoots are also found in North Africa and Western Asia.

4. The *Melanochroi*, or dark whites, have pale complexions, dark hair and eyes, and usually long, but sometimes broad skulls. In Europe they are represented by the Iberians and "black Celts" of Western Europe. Professor Huxley is inclined to think that they are not a distinct group, but result from the mixture of Australioids and Xanthrochroi.

On Some Superstitions regarding Drowning and Drowned Persons.—By
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Anthropologists have come to the conclusion that the principle of Animism has its origin in the belief that every locality has its presiding spirits. This stage of belief is a characteristic of savage races and still survives as a relic of primitive faith among peoples who have now become civilised. Primitive men believed every mountain, rock and valley, every well and stream and lake, to be the abode of some spirits. This belief again originates from the association of the idea of personal life with that of motion, just as the swaying of a tree appears to the mind of primitive man to be a proof of personal life like the flight of birds or the movements of animals. This idea became gradually developed and, in conjunction with dreams during sleep, reminiscences of the dead and accidental associations of motionless objects with motion (as of a rock in the midst of a rapid or eddy) gave rise to Animism or Spiritism. Primitive man was awe-struck at the majesty and grandeur of a mountain and, inwardly reflecting that this must be caused by spirits or beings superior to himself, believed the mountain to be the local habitation of these beings.

Relics of savage Animism are still to be met with among civilized races: such as the mountain-worship of the Japanese, the well-worship prevailing in the different counties of Great Britain and Ireland, and the river-worship of the Hindus. The Ainos, who are the aboriginal inhabitants of Japan, profess "the rudest and most primitive form of nature-worship, attaching a vague sacredness to trees, rivers, rocks, and mountains, and vague notions of power for good or evil to the sea, the forest, the fire, and the sun and moon."* This belief still survives among the modern Japanese who worship mountains. Miss Bird says (page 108 of Vol. I of her work): "Mountains, for a great part of the year clothed or patched with snow, piled in great ranges round Nantaisan, their monarch, are worshipped as a god." At page 122 of the same volume, she again says: "The mountain-peak of Nantaisan is worshipped, and on its rugged summit there is a small Shinto shrine with a rock beside it on which about one hundred rusty sword-blades lie—offerings made by remorseful men whose deeds of violence haunted them till they went there on pilgrimage and deposited the instruments of their crimes before the shrine of the mountain-god."

In the same manner, primitive man believes that every river has

* Miss Bird's *Unbeaten Tracks in Japan*, Vol. II, page 94.

its presiding spirit, and instances of this belief are still to be met with among peoples of savage culture. The Tshi-speaking peoples of Africa believe in a great spirit Prah who presides over rivers and to whom they offer human sacrifices—one adult male, and one adult female—in the belief that the spirit can do harm to the people through the agency of the rivers. By the principle of substitution, offerings of flowers, fruits, sweets, cereals, and incense, which the Hindus of Bengal offer every year to the Ganges, Brahmaputra, Padmā, Nerbudda and other rivers, have taken the place of the human sacrifices which are offered by savage peoples to the great River-Spirit.

Traces of the belief that every river, sea, and other bodies of water have presiding spirits, and that they require human sacrifices, are to be found even at the present day in the shape of various superstitions about drowning and drowned persons which are prevalent among civilized peoples. Hence the reluctance displayed by some peoples to save a man from drowning if he falls into the river or the sea. In the Solomon Islands, when a man falls into the river and is attacked by a shark, he is neither helped out of the water nor is he assisted in warding off the attack of his marine assailant. If the person any how manages to escape from the jaws of the shark, his fellow-tribesmen throw him back into the water so that the shark may make a meal of him. This they do under the impression that the victim is destined to become a sacrifice to the river-god.* Another form of this antipathy to saving a drowning man obtains in Scotland and has been recorded by Sir Walter Scott in "*The Pirate*." In that story the peddler Bryce refused to assist Mordaunt in saving the life of the shipwrecked sailor from drowning and even rated him roundly for attempting to do such a thing. I will reproduce the conversation which took place between the two, because it shows the motive for not assisting a man from getting drowned. Bryce said, "Are you mad, you that have lived sae lang in Zetland, to risk the saving of a drowning man? Wot ye not if ye bring him to life again, he will be surc to do you capital injury?" The origin of this belief is stated by some to be the idea that the person rescued from being drowned will, some day or other, do a mischief to the man who saves his life. Others say that it has its foundation in the belief that, as rivers and seas are entitled to human sacrifices, the presiding spirits of those bodies of water will wreak their vengeance on those who prevent them from getting the victims, as is illustrated by the item of folklore from the Solomon Islands or by that prevailing in the Orkneys and Shetlands. It is said

* Codrington's *The Melanesians*, page 179.

that "among the seamen of Orkney and Shetland it was deemed unlucky to rescue persons from drowning since it was held as a matter of religious faith that the sea is entitled to certain victims, and if deprived would avenge itself on those who interfere."*

The superstition that the water-spirit, if despoiled of his victim, will wreak vengeance on the person who deprives him of the sacrifice due to him, is prevalent, in one form or another, among many races in various parts of the world. It exists among the sea-faring population of Great Britain and Ireland and especially among those of Cornwall. The sea-faring community of France, the boatmen who ply their vocation on the River Danube and the common peasant folk of Russia also share in this belief. Formerly a superstitious belief was current amongst the Bengalis that a water-spirit in the form of an old hag—called *জডেবুড়ী*—haunts tanks and ponds, and when any person goes thereto, she fetters that person's feet with an invisible chain. The victim is allowed to go wherever he likes, dragging the invisible chain, long as the daylight lasts, but as the shades of evening begin to fall, the *জডেবুড়ী* begins to withdraw the chain, and, therewith, the victim is gradually drawn into the waters of the tank and drowned. This superstition, is now fast vanishing before the progress of English education and enlightenment and now only lingers as a relic in the threat with which Bengali infants are frightened, namely, that, should they become naughty, the *জডেবুড়ী* will catch them and take them away. Another mythical being, named *জল*, was believed to exist in Bengal formerly. It was supposed to guard hidden treasure and to reside in tanks. It was also said of this being that if anybody went to take the treasure in charge of the *জল*, he was dragged into the water by that spirit and killed by being submerged in it. This bit of folklore is also disappearing. The Siamese believe in a water-spirit called *Pnük*, who, they say, seizes those who go to bathe in the water and drags them down. The Sioux Indians entertain a similar belief in a water-demon whom they call *Unk-tah* and who, they believe, kills men by dragging them underneath the water in a way similar to the Siamese Spirit. The Kamschatkades refuse to help a drowning man out of the water, on account of some similar superstitious scruples. If such a man was anyhow rescued, no one of his fellow-tribesmen would allow him to enter his house or give him food, but, on the other hand, would take him for one who is dead. The Chinese also display a similar sort of reluctance to save a drowning man because they believe that the spirit of the drowned man hovers over the water till it succeeds in

*Tudor's *Orkney and Shetland*, page 176.

killing a fellow-creature by dragging him underneath the water and drowning him. It is also popularly believed by the Hindus of Bengal that the spirits of persons who have come by their deaths from drowning, haunt the tanks and wells in which they have been drowned. Persons are afraid of going to such tanks and wells after nightfall, from a superstitious dread that the ghost of the drowned man would be sure to appear to him, or some other evil would happen to him. The waters of such tanks and wells are considered impure and unclean until those receptacles of water are reconsecrated and thus rendered pure, by performing some *homa* or sacrifice, or some *Jagna*. Like the Bengalis, the Japanese also consider the water of wells wherein persons have been drowned as impure. Miss Bird, at page 184 of Vol. I of her above-quoted work, says: "I have passed two wells which are at present disused in consequence of recent suicides by getting drowned in them." There is a belief current among the people of Bangalore in Mysore, that the spirits of those persons who have been drowned possess women.*

There are some omens which are superstitiously believed to prognosticate death from drowning. Before the days of the Suez Canal, when ships used to come to India by the route round the Cape of Good Hope. European sailors believed that a "Phantom Ship," which they called the "Flying Dutchman," used to sail near the Cape and would appear to passing vessels in times of storms. Sailors believed that the vessel which sighted the "Phantom Ship" would surely come to grief, and all the crew on board the vessel would be drowned. Captain Marryat has founded the plot of a novel upon the legend of the "Flying Dutchman." There is a superstition in Bengal among the lower classes of Bengalis, that if a single female goes in a boat in which there are male passengers only, the boat would come to grief and the passengers drowned. In order to obviate this evil, the single female passenger must tie a knot in her cloth and must call to mind the name of another female. I once saw a curious illustration of this superstition. In May or June 1884, I had occasion to go over to Seebpore on the other side of the River Hooghly. I hired a boat from the Colvin's Ghat, Calcutta, and was crossing the river. While in midstream, the wind began to blow a regular gale, and the boat was tossed to and fro. My fellow-passengers assured me that the rough weather was the consequence of the presence of a single female who was a passenger in the same boat with us. On a previous occasion also, while going to Seebpore, I was accompanied by a single female—a relative of mine, and, when stepping into the

* "Note on a Mode of Obsession, which dealt with the Belief in a part of Bangalore in the Possession of Women by the Spirits of Drowned Persons" by F. Fawcett, in the *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Bombay*, Vol. I. No. 8.

boat, I saw her tie a pice in a corner of her cloth, mentioning the name of another female, as there was no other female passenger in that boat. This she did to obviate the consequences of the popular belief that a boat with a single female passenger would come to grief. There are also the Bengali superstitions that women who have got children must not put water into a vessel containing lime, after taking their meal, otherwise their children will get drowned.* Also a person who dreams that he is drowned in mire, ought to know that such dream prognosticates an early death to him.* The Bengali Hindus also believe that those persons who have got convolutions of hair (peculiar growth of the hair in a spiral form, which is called in Bengali *ঘূর্ণক*), are sure to get drowned. I came across a curious instance of this superstition lately. In the beginning of August last, a nephew of a Bengali pleader of the Chupra Bar got drowned while bathing in the River Saraju which flows past that town. While on a visit of condolence to the bereaved gentleman, another Bengali gentleman—also a pleader of the local bar—asked one of the uncles of the drowned boy whether the deceased had got a convolution of hair on his head. On being informed that he had got one, the gentleman told us all, that since the deceased had such a convolution of the hair, he was sure to have died by drowning. The aforesaid gentleman also informed us that his second son had also got a similar convolution of hair, and that he was afraid lest he should also get drowned. He further told us that, in consequence of his son's possessing such a convolution, he did not allow him to go to bathe either in a tank or in the river.

There are also certain processes which, if had recourse to, would prevent a person from getting drowned. The performance of certain religious ceremonies is also supposed to have the same effect. Sailors believe that if a portion of the caul which covers the face of some children at the time of birth, be worn as an amulet round the neck, the person wearing it will not get drowned. In Bengal, it is sometimes believed that if a person accidentally eats ants along with sweets or other eatables, he will not get drowned. When a person is about to go to a distant part of the country and will have to cross rivers, the Hindus of Bengal, previous to the starting offer pujas to the goddesses of the rivers Ganges, Brahmaputra, Padma, Nerbudda, &c., &c., so that no mishap may occur. In our own family at Calcutta, I have observed similar pujas offered to the family idol Nārāyaṇa (who in this case is supposed to represent those river-goddesses), before any member of the family undertakes a journey

* *Vide* items Nos. 150, 155 and 189 in paper "On Popular Superstitions in Bengal," published in the *Journal of the Anthrop. Soc. of Bombay*, Vol. I., p. 354.

to a distant part wherein he will have to cross rivers, simply for the purpose of appeasing the river-goddesses who will, therefore, preserve him from all accidents in the rivers. The Bengali boatmen cry "*Badar, Badar*" when a boat is in danger of capsizing, in the belief that doing so would cause the vessel to reach its destination safely. The Ainos, who are the aborigines of Japan, believe that if they throw the images of their gods, which are nothing but wands and posts of peeled wood, whittled nearly to the top, from which the pendent shavings fall down in white curls, into rivers, streams, rapids and other dangerous places, they will be able to cross them safely.* The Japanese worship a god who, they believe, saves men from drowning and accident. They have also an amulet which saves persons from drowning. Miss Bird says, "The amulet which saves from drowning is a certain cure for choking, if courageously swallowed."† The Kakhyens of Burma worship a Nat called the *Khakoo Kha-nam*, the god of water—on the occasion of any one getting drowned. They also worship another Nat named the *Ndong Nat* (Aing-peen Nat of the Burmeso)—the God of the Outside of Home, who, they believe, resides in the house, but is worshipped by them outside if one of the family is killed by drowning.‡ The Mahomedans, when undertaking journeys by water utter, as a protective from drowning, the following formula which is contained in *Surah Nooh* of the Koran:—

بسم الله مجربها و مرسها ان ربي لغفور الرحيم

The whole may be transliterated in Roman characters thus: "Bismillâheh majrihâ o mursâhâ inuâ rabi-il-ghafur ur-rahim." The origin of this custom is contained in the following legend which runs thus narrated in Urdu:—

قصہ طوفان حضرت نوح علیہ السلام کا مشہور ہی بر مختصر یہ ہے کہ طوفان شروع ہوا حضرت نوح علیہ السلام ہر ایک جانوروں کا ایک ایک جوڑا اور یہاں سے رفیقوں کے ساتھ کشتی میں سوار ہوئے باقی لوگ حتی کہ ایک لڑکا حضرت نوح کا بھی بہ سبب نافرمانی کے غرق ہوا تمام روئے زمین دریا ہوا درختوں اور پہاڑوں سے جب چالیس گز پانی بالا ہوا اہل کشتی شدت باد اور کثرت افواج سے بدحواسی اور زندگی سے مایوسی ہوئے حکم الہی ہوا بسم الله مجربها و مرسها ان ربي لغفور الرحيم جو کوئی ورد زبان کرے گا حق تعالیٰ اوسکی سبب مشکلات آسان کرے گا اللہ تعالیٰ نے اپنی اسم کے برکت سے اُنکی ڈوبنے سے اور طوفان موقوف ہوا *

The legend in Urdu may be thus translated into English:—

"The story of the Deluge of the Patriarch Noah—on whom be peace—is well-known. The long and short of it is that when the Deluge

* Mrs. Bird's *Unbeaten Tracks in Japan*, Vol. II, p. 95.

† Op. cit. Vol. I., p. 379 and p. 380. ‡ Anderson's *Mandalay to Momiën*, page 457.

commenced, the Patriarch Noah took a pair of each-kind of animal and then repaired with his nearest relatives to the Ark. The rest of the people, as also a son of the Patriarch Noah were drowned on account of disobedience. The whole of the earth was flooded, and when the waters rose to the height of 40 yards above the trees and mountains, the inmates of the Ark, on account of the terrific storm and the fury of the waves, became senseless with fear and despaired of life. Then God ordered:—“Whoever will utter the words, Bismillâheh majrihâ, o mursâhâ innâ rabi-il-ghafur ur-rahim,* the Almighty God will deliver him from all difficulties. The Almighty God will, by the benign influence of His Name, preserve him from drowning. And the storm was allayed.”

The Russians also believe that saving the life of a drowning man excites the wrath of the water-spirit. An illustration of this item of Russian folklore is given by Mr. Barry, in his novel entitled “Ivan at Home,” which is descriptive of Russian life:—“Once upon a time, a drunkard fell into the water and disappeared. Some spectators who stood close by on the shore, did not shew any inclination whatever to save the drowning man. The man was drowned. The villagers held a court of enquiry, to investigate into the matter of that man’s death from drowning. In the course of the enquiry it was elicited that no cross had been found on the neck of the deceased. The village Daniels, who sat to enquire into the matter, quickly returned the verdict that the man had got drowned because he had no cross upon his neck.” The fisherfolks of Bohemia also display a similar kind of reluctance to save a man from drowning, under the impression that the presiding spirit of the water would get angry at thus being deprived of his victim, would give him bad luck in fishing and soon get him drowned. The same superstition also obtains in Germany, and, when a person comes by his death from drowning, the German peasants say, “The river-spirit claims his annual sacrifice,” and sometimes also, “The nix has taken the drowned man.” Mr. Jones, in his “*Credulities Past and Present*,” offers an explanation to the effect that “a person who attempts to rescue another from drowning, is considered to incur the hatred of the uneasy spirit, which is desirous, even at the expense of a man’s life to escape from its wandering.” Dr. Tylor, in his “*Primitive Culture*,” explains the super-

* This formula may be translated into Urdu as follows:

ساتھ نام اللہ کے ہی چلنا اوسکا اور ٹھہرنا اوسکا تحقیق کے رب میرا البتہ بخشنے والا اور مہربان ہی *

The above may be translated into English thus. “The moving and the stopping (of this boat, i. e., Noah’s Ark) depends upon the influence of the Name of God. or in truth, our God is preëminently, a Pardoner of sins, and Merciful.”

stition by saying that such reluctance is only a relic of the ancient belief that the water-spirit very naturally used to get angry on being deprived of his intended victim and, consequently, bore ill-will towards the persons who ventured so to deprive him, and would try to wreak vengeance on him at the first opportunity.

There is another class of popular beliefs as regards the time when the body of a drowned man would float up. In past times, it was popularly believed that the body of a drowned man would float up on the ninth day. This belief is prevalent in the county of Durham, as we are informed, on the authority of Mr. Henderson. Sir Thomas Browne, the author of the "*Hydriotaphia*" and the "*Religio Medici*," has also discussed this popular belief in his *Pseudodoxia Epidemica*.

In ancient times, people believed that the spirits of those persons who had been drowned in the sea, wandered for one hundred years, owing to their corpses not having been properly buried with all the rites of sepulture. Relics of this belief are to be found even at the present day. The belief still lingers among ignorant fisherfolk in some parts of England, that the spirits of those sailors who have been drowned by shipwreck frequent those parts of the shores near which the shipwreck took place, and some of them even assert that they have heard the spirits of the drowned sailors "hailing their own names." Hunt, in his "*Romances of the West of England*," refers to this belief, and says, that fisherfolks are afraid of walking in such localities after nightfall. This belief is similar to the Bengali superstition, described above, that the spirits of drowned persons haunt those tanks and wells in which they have been drowned, and has its counterpart among other races of people all over the world.

Lastly, there are some curious popular beliefs about the methods by which the corpses of drowned persons may be discovered. One of these methods is to tie up a loaf of ryebread in the shirt of the drowned person and set it afloat in the water, near the place where the person was drowned. It is believed that the loaf of bread will float until it reaches the spot where the body of the drowned person lies, and then sink. The *Indian Mirror* of Thursday, the 29th September 1892, gives the following account of a search, in the aforesaid way, after the body of a drowned boy:—

"A novel method was adopted at Springfield, Illinois (United States of North America), in searching for the body of a drowned boy. The searchers tied up a loaf of ryebread in the lost boy's shirt and set it adrift in the water above the place where the lad was drowned, the theory being that the loaf would float until it came close to the body. The package in this case is said to have floated until it reached a certain

point, when it suddenly sank. The boy was found within a few feet of the spot."

This belief is to be found in other forms in many countries. Another form of it consists in floating a loaf weighted with mercury, which is believed to float at once towards, and stand over, the spot where the corpse lies. A writer in an American paper gives the following instances of this belief: "Some years ago, a boy fell into the stream at Sherborne, Dorsetshire, and was drowned. The body not having been recovered for some days, the mode of procedure adopted was thus: A four-pound loaf of best flour was procured, and a small piece cut out of the side of it, forming a cavity, into which a little quicksilver was poured. The piece was then replaced, and tied firmly in its original position. The loaf thus prepared was thrown into the river at the spot where the body fell, and was expected to float down the stream till it came to the place where the body had lodged. But no satisfactory result occurred." In another form, this belief is also prevalent among the aboriginal Indians of North America. Sir James Alexander, in his work on Canada, says: "The Indians imagine that in the case of a drowned body, its place may be discovered by floating a chip of cedar wood, which will stop and turn round over the exact spot. An instance occurred within my own knowledge, in the case of Mr. Lowery, of Kingston Mill, whose boat was overturned, and himself drowned near Cedar Island, nor could the body be discovered until this experiment was resorted to." The writer in the American paper, from whom I have quoted the above, says: "Not many months ago a man was drowned at St. Louis. After search had been made for the body, but without success, the man's shirt, which he had laid aside when he went in to bathe, was spread out on the water, and allowed to float away. For a while it floated, and then sank, near which spot, it is reported, the man's body was found." Another modification of the theory of the discovery of a drowned man's corpse by a loaf, is current in Brittany. When a man gets drowned in Brittany and his corpse cannot be recovered, a lighted taper is stuck into a loaf of bread, which is then set adrift in the stream. Wherever the loaf of bread stands over, still, there, it is believed, the corpse lies underneath the water. Another modification of this belief consists in tying round a wisp of straw, a strip of parchment having on it some cabalistic letters written by the parish priest, and setting it afloat in the stream. Wherever it will stop still, there, it is believed, the body is sure to be found. A correspondent of *Notes and Queries* says that the corpse of a drowned person was recovered by this means.

In some other countries, a living animal is employed for the purpose of recovering the body of a drowned man. It is believed that the

animal will either cry out or sink at the exact spot where the corpse lies. In Norway, the people searching for the body take a cock with them in the boat and row with it hither and thither. It is believed by them that the cock will crow when the boat reaches the spot where the body of the drowned man lies. In a similar manner, the Javanese throw a living sheep into the water, when the corpse of a drowned man has sunk. They believe that the spot where the sheep sinks is the place where the dead body is sure to be found.

On Some Beliefs in a Being or Animal which is supposed to Guard Hidden Treasure.—By SARAT CHANDRA MITRA, M.A., B.L., Pleader, Judge's Court, Chupra.

Among some races of men there still lingers the belief that treasure, either kept concealed by men, or lying embowelled in the recesses of mines underneath the earth, are guarded by some mythical beings or animals. This belief seems to have been prevalent among the ancient Persians, for allusions to it are to be found in some of the classical works of their literature. Sometimes artificial means were resorted to by other races of people, as for instance the Bengalis, of killing a human male child and appointing his manes to be the guardian of the treasure which was made over to his charge and was hidden under the earth. This is a relic of the belief still prevalent among primitive men like the savage races of Africa, that the manes of the wives, slaves and horses killed at the funeral of a deceased chieftain, would accompany him in the next world, and that the hunting implements and other articles used by the deceased in his life-time, if buried with his corpse, would be of service to him in the life beyond the grave. In olden times in Bengal,

“When the good old rule, the simple plan,

That he should take who has the power

And he should keep who can,”

was the order of the day, the people of Bengal resorted to the expedient of concealing their surplus treasure underneath the ground and appointing a Yakh (यक्ष), to keep watch and ward over it. The word Yakh (यक्ष) is a corruption of the Sanskrit word यक्ष (Yaksha)—a name applied to a class of beings who were supposed to people the upper regions, and allusions to whom are frequently to be met with in Sanskrit literature.

The ceremony of appointing a Yakh (यक्ष), may be described thus: A male child was kidnapped without his parents knowing of it. The child was then bathed and clad in a new *dhoti*. Garlands of flowers were put round his neck. He was then worshipped. Then an excava-

tion was made in the ground, sufficiently large to accommodate the would-be Yakh and to contain the treasure, which was put into a number of *ghaḍas* (ঘড়া), or pitchers of bell-metal. The child was then made to sit in this excavation, and the *ghaḍas* containing the treasure were arranged in it. A lamp containing a wick in some *ghi* or clarified butter, was lighted and kept burning near him. Then an invocation was made to the Yakh, that the treasure was being made over to him and that he should keep strict watch and ward over it. Then the excavation was closed by placing some planks over it, and earth was then thrown over it. The child gradually became drowsy, owing to asphyxia, and remained alive so long as the lamp kept burning. Ultimately the child used to die of suffocation. The spirit of the dead child, thus, became the guardian of the hidden treasure.

This practice was frequently resorted to in the olden times, and even after the establishment of British Rule in Bengal. It is now no longer heard of. If the parents of the missing child any how got scent that their child had been kidnapped and was being made a *yakh*, and if they got any clue to his whereabouts, they immediately went thither, rescued the child from a horrible death, and appropriated the treasure to themselves, for the real owner thereof did not dare appear and prefer a claim to it, for fear of being punished for kidnapping and attempted manslaughter. Hence all the ceremonies were performed secretly so that the parents of the kidnapped child might not know of it.

Many tanks in Bengal had the evil repute of being haunted by Yaks. I recollect having heard, in my childhood, from my mother and grandmother, many a mythical story to the effect that the Yaks used to come up to the steps leading into the tanks, and place thereon the *ghaḍas* containing the hidden treasure, and disappeared within the depths of the tank as soon as a human being appeared on the spot, the *ghaḍas* also vanishing into the water. Whoever attempted to appropriate the money was killed by the Yakh.

This practice has now fallen into desuetude owing to the security of property and wealth, enjoyed under the aegis of British Rule, to the fear of prosecution for kidnapping and attempted manslaughter, and, above all, to the spread of education and the consequent enlightenment of men's minds from superstitious beliefs. Traces of the belief in *yakh* still survive in several Bengali proverbial expressions. A thing which is highly prized by its owner and which he is loth to part with, is spoken of as being a *yakh-pan* or *the treasures of a Yakh*. A person carefully watching a thing or anxiously waiting for some other object, is spoken of as *yakhir matan bāṣe yakh* or as sitting like a Yakh.

Similar beliefs about a mythical animal keeping watch and ward

over hidden treasure are also to be met with among other races of men. The ancient Persians had a belief prevalent amongst them to the effect that hidden treasure was guarded by a Mâr (مار) or snake. An allusion to this belief is to be found in the *Gulistan* of Sheikh Sadi, which was published in 656 A. H. (A. D. 1258). The story stands 13th in number, in Chapter V. of that work, and is as follows:—

یکی را زنی صاحب جمال درگذشت * و مادر زن مزتوب بعلت کاین در خانه
منگین بماند * مرگ از مجاورت او چاره ندیدی تا گروهی آشفایان پرسیدن آمدندش •
یکی گفت چگونه در مفارقت آن یار عزیز * گفت ناپیدن زن چنان دشوار نیست که
دیدن مادر زن * گل تباراج رفت و خار بماند • گنج بد داشتند و مار بماند *

The above may be translated thus: A person had a beautiful wife, who died. The mother-in-law, an old woman, remained a fixture in the house, on account of the dowry. His neighbours, perceiving no remedy, came in a body to him on a visit of condolence. One of them asked how he was faring in that state of separation from his beloved wife. He replied that the separation from his wife was not so intolerable as the presence of his mother-in-law. "The rose has been plucked and the thorn left. *The treasure has been carried away and the snake left.*"

There was also another belief prevalent among the ancient Persians to the effect that hidden treasure is guarded by a mythical creature, named *طلمس* (*Tilism*), which neither enjoys the treasure nor permits anyone else to enjoy it. There seems to be a difference of opinion about the meaning of the word *طلمس* (*Tilism*, from which is derived the English word *Talisman*). Davy, in his well-known Persian-English Dictionary, gives the following explanation of this word:

طلمس Tylsem. A Talisman, or magical image, upon which, under a certain horoscope, are engraved mystical characters, as charms against enchantment, or fascination. *They use Talismans as preservatives in various ways, particularly in burying them with treasure, to prevent it from being discovered.*

There are allusions to this latter belief in Sheikh Sadi's *Bustan*, Chapter II., on Beneficence (باب دوم در احسان) in the story of the Miser and his Prodigal Son (حکایت پدر بخیل و فرزند لاور بالی). The couplets are as follows:

بخیل توانگر بدینار و سیم * طلسمیست بالای گنجی مقیم
از آن سالها می بماند زرش * که لرزد طلسمی چنین بر سرش

• They may be translated thus:

The miser, rich in dinars and silver,
Is a *tilism* dwelling over the treasure.
His gold remained years, for the reason
That such a *tilism* trembles over its head.

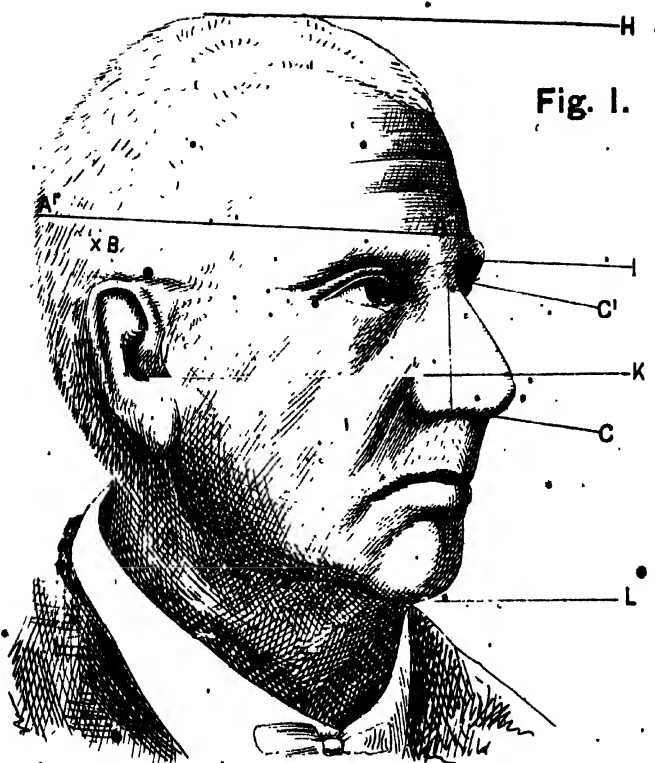


Fig. 1.

Cephalic.

A ... A' Maximum antero-posterior diameter from glabella or eminence above root of nose (A).

B. Approximate starting point for maximum transverse diameter B—B

Cephalic Index = $\frac{B \dots B \times 100}{A \dots A'}$

Nasal.

C ... C' Height of nose from nasal spine to root of nose, from one to three millimetres below transverse axis of eyes.

D ... D (See figures 2.) Maximum width of nose outside nostrils, without depressing flesh.

Nasal Index = $\frac{D \dots D \times 100}{C \dots C'}$

Vertical proportions of the head.

H ... I. Height of head from vertex to intersuperciliary point, i.e., to centre of a line drawn at a tangent to the curvature of the eyebrows.

H ... K. Height of head from vertex to tragus.

H ... L. Height of head from vertex to bottom of chin.

ANTHROPOMETRIC INSTRUCTIONS.

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IN selecting subjects, only adults between the ages of 25 and 45 should be taken. Accurate determination of age being of course impossible, those persons must be rejected who are obviously not fully grown, or who appear to be over 45, deformed persons, dwarfs, cripples, and men who have suffered from any disease affecting the form of the nose. In measuring the higher castes it is as well also to reject persons of very black complexion and with very broad and depressed noses, as in such cases there is at least a suspicion of the intermixture of low-caste blood. Similarly among the lower castes, men of very fair complexion and high-caste type of feature should be rejected. The object is to determine the standard type of each caste, and for this purpose individuals of clearly exceptional colouring and feature should be excluded.

The subjects to be measured should be made to sit down in line, and great care should be taken that this order is not disturbed, and that if a man gets up and goes out he returns to his proper place in the line. If this rule is not observed, the subjects will get mixed, and the dimensions recorded under one serial number will belong to different individuals. The risk of this is not so great if all the measurements required are taken consecutively on each subject. But, after trying both plans, myself, I think the simplest and most expeditious plan is to take all the measurements for which the same instrument is required on each subject in order. For instance, all the subjects should be measured in order with the cephalometer, each man after measurement returning to his own place, then with the nasometer, then with the graduated square and steel pointer, and last of all with the goniometer. If the services of an assistant are available, he may be told off to watch the subjects, to see that they do not change places, and to bring them up in order for measurement.

The points from and to which each measurement is taken are shown in the appendix, and the instructions given there are illustrated by plates. I will now add a few remarks on each measurement, derived from my own experience.

Cephalic dimensions.—These are taken with the cephalometer (compas d'épaisseur de Broca). The subject should be seated on a chair or stool. For the antero-posterior diameter (A—A₁ in Fig. 1) the starting point is the glabella. This should be felt for with the forefinger, and the instrument so held that its point will pass along the forefinger and remain firmly on the glabella. Care must be

taken that the point does not slip off the glabella. The point of maximum length at the back of the head will usually be found nearly in the same plane with the glabella. In searching for it, the posterior point of the cephalometer must be kept moving up and down in the central perpendicular line of the back of the head, and the graduated scale of the instrument must be watched so as to see when the maximum diameter has been reached. The *inion* or occipital protuberance is *not* the point to be measured to. A magnifier may be used to read the scale of the cephalometer, which is graduated rather minutely. After having found the maximum, the measurer should take care not to remove the instrument from the subject's head *before* reading off the measurement, or if he does so, should tighten the screw. Experience shows that it is very difficult to remove the instrument without altering the reading, unless the screw has been tightened.

The maximum transverse diameter (B in Fig. 1) is best measured from behind the subject. Its terminal points will usually be found somewhere near B. There is no special difficulty in measuring

it. All that the operator has to do is to watch the graduation of the cephalometer, so as to see when he has hit upon the maximum diameter. He must also see that the branches of the instrument on either side are in the same plane. *Vide* figures 2 and 3.



Fig. 2.—Antero-posterior diameter.



Fig. 3.—Transverse diameter.

In measuring the zygomata (posterior arches of cheek-bones) care must be taken to hold the instrument steady, as the points are apt to slip off the ridges of bone on one side or other, and thus to record too small a dimension. The measurement is the maximum breadth procurable with the cephalometer at the points F—F in figure 4. The index is formed with the bigonia breadth E—E

$$\text{thus } \frac{E-E \times 100}{F-F}.$$

Fig. 4.



E ... E . . . Bigonial breadth.

F ... F . . . Maximum breadth of zygomata (posterior arches of cheekbones).

Maxillary-zygomatic
Index = $\frac{E \dots E \times 100}{F \quad F}$

M ... M¹ . . . = Bi-malar breadth.

M ... N ... M¹ or
N ... M × 2 . . . = Naso-malar breadth.

$\frac{\text{Naso-malar line} \times 100}{\text{Bi-malar line.}} = \text{Naso-malar index.}$

Fig. 5.

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Naso-Malar Index on Living Subject.



$M \dots M' \dots =$ Bi-malar breadth.

$M \dots N \dots M'$ or $M \times 2 =$ Naso-malar breadth.

Nasal dimensions.—These are taken with the instrument which, for convenience of reference, I may call the nasometer (*compas glissière de Broca*). The lower point for the height of the nose is easily found. The nasometer being opened to the approximate height of the nose, the pointed end of the lower limb should be placed at the junction of the central nasal cartilage with the upper lip and pressed inwards and upwards until it meets with steady resistance from the nasal spine. The upper point also is easy to find in persons who have the root of the nose well defined. By feeling with the finger one can readily fix the point at which the bridge of the nose meets the frontal region of the skull and forms a depression or valley, the deepest point of which determines the measurement. This point can be either felt for and marked with red pencil or red ink before the instrument is applied, or can be ascertained by moving and adjusting the upper limb of the instrument itself. *Vide C—C¹* in figure 1.

Some races, however, notably Mongolians, such as Tibetan, Limbus and the like, have no well-defined depression at the root of the nose. In such cases a close inspection of the root of the nose will disclose either one or two transverse folds or wrinkles of skin running at right angles to the direction of the nose. Where there are two folds, the point of the instrument should be placed between them; where there is only one, the instrument should be placed on the fold. The folds are usually to be found about two millimeters above the transverse axis of the eyes.

The width of the nose (*D—D* in Fig. 4) should be measured with the blunt ends of the nasometer. The object is to get the maximum width of the nostrils. The instrument therefore should just touch the skin on either side without depressing it.

I may mention here that all authorities agree in considering the dimensions of the nose the most valuable race characteristic that can be tested by measurement. Special care should therefore be taken in measuring these, the more so as, the figures being comparatively small, the averages will be more liable to be thrown out by any error. The measurements are, however, easy to take, and if carefully done show little variation in the hands of different operators on the same subject.

Naso-malar dimensions.—First make a pencil or red ink dot on the most posterior point on the front surface of the outer edge of each orbit. The normal situation of these points is shown at *M* and *M¹* in figures 4 and 5. They can readily be ascertained by feeling with the finger. Then make a similar dot on the centre of the bridge of the nose at the most posterior point. See the point marked *N* in figures 4 and 5. This point will correspond exactly with the "upper point" of the nasal height described above. Care must of course be taken to place the dot exactly in the centre of the nose.

Having made the three dots in the manner described above, measure with the nasometer the distance between the two orbital

dots (M and M¹) in a direct line. This will give the "bimalar breadth," and should be entered in column 24.

Then measure with the same instrument the distance, from either of the orbital dots (M or M¹) to the nasal dot (N), and double the result. This will give the "naso-malar breadth," and should be entered in column 25. It will perhaps be the safest plan to test the distance from each dot (M and M¹) to the dot N before doubling.

Figure 5 shows the points for the index on the living subject.

The index is.

$$\frac{\text{Naso-malar breadth} \times 100}{\text{Bimalar breadth}}$$

to be entered in column 26.

Vertical proportions of the head.—These are the only measurements which present any serious difficulty, and after several experiments I hope that a mode of overcoming this difficulty has been discovered. The measurements are taken with the graduated T-square (*Equerre céphalométrique*), and the smaller steel sliding scale or the wooden triangular slide. Their accuracy depends upon the subject's head being exactly upright, and being kept in that position while the measurements are going on. There appear to be two recognised methods for placing the subject's head in an upright position. The first, devised by Dr. Barolay in 1803, consists in making the subject hold with his teeth a flat plate of metal mechanically levelled. Topinard discusses this plan and condemns it as too complicated. For use in this country it is open to the further objection that unless all the subjects operated on at the same time belong to the same caste and sub-caste, the plate of metal would have to be continually washed in deference to caste prejudices. It also appears to me that if a man has got a plate of metal between his teeth, the height from the top of his head to the bottom of his chin cannot be correctly measured, and will in practice vary considerably. The second method, which Topinard prefers, "consists in directing the subject to look steadily at the horizon, and in correcting the position of his head if by accident or through nervousness he does not look straight before him in the natural manner." In this manner, Topinard adds, the head will be adjusted in accordance with the plane of vision, and will necessarily assume a correct position for the purpose of measurement.

We must, I think, take it on Topinard's authority that the head can be correctly placed by following these instructions. We are met, however, by the further difficulty that after the correct position has been ascertained the subject cannot keep his head absolutely still, and that every movement, however slight, materially affects the measurements. Having got the correct position, we want

to fix it, in order that there may be no movement while the measurements are going on, and in order that the position may, if necessary, be reproduced for the purpose of repeating and testing measurements already taken. For this purpose I have had a small clamp, with a horizontal bar attached to it, made by the Mathematical Instrument Department. The clamp runs on the height measure which is in the box, and is used in the following manner.

Adjust the subject's head correctly by the plane of vision as explained above. Then place the height measure with its plummet attached on the left side of the subject, and see by observing the plummet that the measure is upright. Run the clamp up until the horizontal bar attached to it touches the central cartilage of the subject's nose, and renders it impossible for him to depress his head. Then screw the clamp tight. The bar will rest exactly at the junction of the upper lip with the central cartilage—at the point, in fact, which forms the lower starting point for the measurement of the height of the nose (O—C' in Fig. 1). So long as the subject rests his nose on this bar he will be in the correct position as previously ascertained; and if the height of the bar on the graduations of the height measure is noted, the position can be reproduced at any moment. In fact the sources of error are reduced to one—the possibility of the subject raising his head—and this can be easily guarded against by seeing that his nose is tightly pressed against the horizontal bar.

It will be seen the horizontal bar in no way interferes with the process of measuring. It may even assist it, if the vertical arm of the T-square be steadied against the horizontal bar in taking the dimensions from vertex to tragus.

The position of the head being thus secured, a few remarks may be added on the details of the measurements.

*Height from vertex to intersuperciliary point (H—I in Fig. 1).—*The intersuperciliary point is defined by Topinard as "situated in the centre of a line drawn at a tangent to the convex surfaces of both eyebrows." It can be ascertained by laying the smaller metallic slide across the eyebrows, and drawing a line with red pencil along its upper edge, or simply by turning the slide slightly and pressing in the upper edge, so that it makes a slight depressed mark in the skin. The mark will last long enough to enable the measurement to be taken, and is, perhaps, more accurate than a pencil line. On the other hand, if a pencil line is made, the measurement can be repeated with greater certainty.

Height from vertex to chin.—This dimension is entered in column 29 of the register. It can, however, be most conveniently taken immediately after the height from vertex to intersuperciliary point, as the T-square is in exactly the same position throughout. Care must be taken to read from the *upper* edge of the slide in measuring the chin dimension. The *lower* edge gives the reading for the intersuperciliary point if (as should be the case) the sharp point

of the slide is touching the line drawn at a tangent to the convex surfaces of the eyebrows.

*Height from vertex to tragus (H—K in Fig. 1).—*According to Topinard, the point to be measured to is the centre of the tragus. K in Figure 3 is therefore a trifle too low.

*Facial angle of Cuvier (ONX in Fig. 6).—*A special instrument is provided to measure this angle. The subject holds between his teeth the small projection in the centre of the instrument: the bosses are put into his ears and held there; and the indicator is adjusted so that the round knob at the end of it touches the glabella. The angle is then read off on the scale. It should be observed that the upper front teeth are the point which determines the angle. If by reason of any malformation of the teeth the subject cannot grip the instrument himself, the operator should hold the instrument so that the projection is in contact with the upper front teeth. Care should be taken that the flexible band of steel which passes through the ear bosses is drawn fairly tight, and the instrument should be given time to settle before the angle is read off. When persons of different castes or sub-castes are being measured at the same time, each subject should, if he wishes to do so, be allowed to wash the part of the instrument which touches his teeth, after it has been used by another person. The instrument must not be roughly handled or bent in the process of washing, and must be oiled very thoroughly afterwards.

*Circumference of the chest.—*This is measured with the tape, the lower edge of which should rest on the nipples, the arms being raised while the tape is adjusted and afterwards lowered. The ends of the tape are held by the operator standing behind the subject. Care must be taken that the tape is in a true horizontal plane perpendicular to the axis of the thorax. The dimension should be read

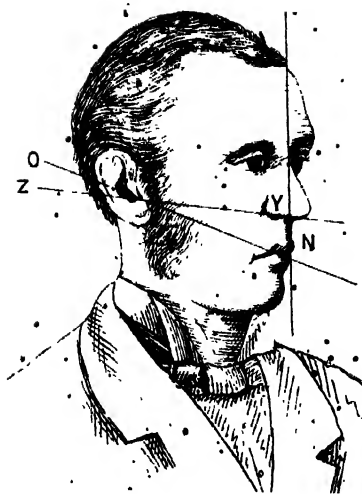


Fig. 7.—Grande envergure.

when the breathing is at rest, midway between inhalation and expiration.

Grande envergure or length from third finger to third finger, the arms being fully extended at right angles to the body. This is best taken by making the subject extend his arms against a wall and marking the points which his fingers reach. The distance between the points can then be measured with the standard, not with the tape. *Vide figure 7.*

Fig. 6.



XYZ. Facial angle of CAMPER.

ONX. Facial angle of CUVIER, recommended by TOPINARD
for the living subject.

Height sitting.—Make the subject sit against a wall, so that the whole of his back, from the sacrum to the shoulders, shall be in contact with the wall, as in Fig. 8. Measure with the standard from the ground to the top of his head. He should not be allowed to sit on the ground, but on some article of known height, such as the box of instruments, the height of which, 10 centimetres, should be deducted from the measurement obtained. The legs should be extended and parallel.



Fig. 8.—Height sitting.

perpendicular to the ground and that there is no stooping. Then measure to the top of the head with the long standard.

Height to junction of sternum and ribs.—Make the subject stand with his back to the wall and measure with the long standard from the ground to the *fourchette sternale*, i.e., to the junction of the sternum with the ribs. The point to be taken is the lower end of the *gladiolus*, not the ensiform cartilage, which lies below and is not so easily reached.

Bigonial breadth.—Measure with the cephalometer the maximum breadth of the outer surfaces of the inferior maxillary bone from one angle to the other (E—E in Fig. 1). Plate No. 56 at page 55 of the ninth edition of Gray's Anatomy shows the angle, which is the point to be taken.

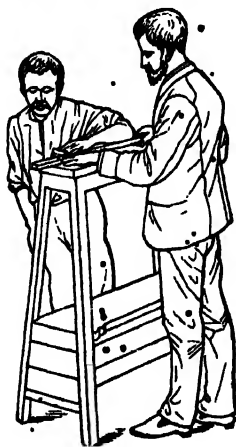


Fig. 9.—Length of fore-arm.

Length of the fore-arm.—Measure with the sliding scale (*glissière anthropométrique*) from the olecranon process of the ulna to the end of the middle finger, the left arm being laid on a table as in figure 9. Vide plate 220 in Topinard's *Éléments d'Anthropologie Générale*.

Length of left foot.—Measure maximum length from toe to heel with the sliding scale (*glissière anthropométrique*) as in figure 10.



Fig. 10.—Length of left foot.

Length of middle finger of left hand.—Measure with sliding scale (*glissière anthropométrique*) as in figure 11.



Fig. 11.—Length of middle finger of left hand.

Maximum breadth of the shoulders.—Measure with sliding scale (*glissière anthropométrique*) from the external face of the head of the humerus where it is covered by the deltoid muscle.

Maximum breadth of hips.—Measure with sliding scale (*glissière anthropométrique*) the maximum breadth from the external surfaces of the spines of the ilia (*crêtes iliaques* in Topinard's plate 212).

General.—In reading all the instruments fractions of a millimeter should be disregarded, and the nearest whole figure taken. In practice it rarely happens, that the indicator exactly divides a millimeter.

Minute accuracy in measuring is the one essential point. Inaccurate measurements are not merely worthless and misleading in themselves, but will throw out the averages of the whole set of figures concerned. If therefore a doubt arises as to the accuracy of any particular dimension, the measurement should be repeated. If after several trials the results still vary, an average should be struck, and that average entered in the form.

All the instruments should be carefully oiled after use with crude Rangoon oil or vaseline.

A specimen of the hair of each caste or tribe measured should be sent up for examination. It should be about 2 inches long and cut from the middle of the head, tied round with tape, ticketed with the name of the caste or tribe securely fastened to the tape, and placed in an envelope with the name of the caste legibly written on it in Roman character.

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OF OBSERVATIONS OF EXTERNAL CHARACTERS.

Preliminary Particulars.

No. _____ Date _____
Sex _____ Age _____
Tribo _____ Locality _____
Language or dialect _____

(1) Stout. (2) Medium. (3) Thin.

Descriptive Characters.

A.—Colour of skin on parts not exposed to the air?—

Black ... { Absolute (1).
Sooty (2).
Brown ... { Reddish (3).
Yellowish (4).
Red (5).
Yellow (6).

White ... { Yellowish (7).
Brownish (8).
Pale (9).
Rosy (10).

B.—Colour of eyes ?—

Dark of all shades (1).
 Medium ... { All medium shades, except green (2).
 { Green (3).
 Light ... { All light shades, except blue (4).
 { Blue (5).

C.—Fold of skin at inner angle of eye?—

(0) Absent. (1) Vestige remaining. (2) Covering $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ the caruncle. (3) Covering the caruncle.

D.—Colour of hair?—

(1) Black. (2) Dark brown. (3) Medium. (4) Blond or fair of all shades. (5) Red.
(If possible, a lock of hair should be attached to the schedule.)

E.—Character of hair?—

(1) Straight, (2) Undulating or wavy. (3) Curly, (4) Woolly.

F.—Amount of hair { On the face?
On the body?

(0) Absent. (1) Scarce. (2) Medium. (3) Abundant.

G.—Shape of face ?

- (1) Long and narrow. (2) Medium. (3) Short and broad. (4) Pyramidal, *i.e.*, narrowing upwards. (5) Wedge-shaped, *i.e.*, pointed towards chin.

H.—Profile of nose ?—

- (1) Straight. (2) Aquilino. (3) Concave or turned up. (4) High bridged. (5) Sinuous or wavy. (6) Chinese type. (7) Negroid type. (8) Australoid type.

I.—Prognathism or prominence of the region of the mouth ?

- (0) Absent. (1) Slight. (2) Moderately marked. (3) Considerable.

J.—Lips—

- (1) Thin. (2) Medium. (3) Thick. (4) Everted.

K.—Prominence of face transversely ?—

- | | | |
|--|---|-------------------|
| Proprosopic (face prominent, cheek bones not perceptible). | { | Considerable (1). |
| | | Moderate (2). |
| Platyprosopic (face flat, cheek bones conspicuous). | { | Mesoprosopic (3). |
| | | Well marked (4). |
| | | Excessive (5). |

II.—EXPLANATION OF SCHEDULE.

The “Preliminary Particulars” require some explanation. The *age* may offer some difficulty on account of the person not being able to express it ; in such cases the observer must indicate it to the best of his judgment, inserting the word “about” before the number he enters for it.

The *condition of the body* is to be noted, as it may explain some peculiarity in the measurements which might be thought to be due to error. To save time and trouble in writing, numbers within brackets are attached to each of the conditions, so that if the person is thin, it will be sufficient to write “3” in the blank column. This plan is also to be followed in recording the descriptive characters which follow.

The “Descriptive Characters” are next to be recorded, and while this is being done the observer may engage the subject in conversation, so as to gain his confidence and overcome any fear or repugnance he may have to be measured. When the colour or form in the subject does not correspond to any in the schedule, but is intermediate between two colours or forms, the two numbers between which it lies should be entered in the blank column. If any difficulty is found in answering the questions in the schedule, reference should be made to the section Descriptive Characters for further explanation.

III.—DESCRIPTIVE CHARACTERS.

In the following sections the various particulars regarding the Descriptive Characters asked in the Schedule are explained, and others supplementary to them which may with advantage be noted by the traveller are given.

Skin.

The colour of the skin should be indicated on Dr. Topinard's system as follows:—

Is the skin—1. Black, coal-black? 2. Sooty-black? 3. Dark reddish-brown, chocolate? 4. Dark yellow brown, dark olive? 5. Red, copper-coloured? 6. Yellow, olive? 7. Yellowish-white? 8. Brownish-white? 9. Pale white? 10. Florid or rosy?

A very convenient part to observe in clothed persons is usually the outer part of the upper arm. The part chosen should be stated in any case.

1. Is the skin smooth and velvety, or coarse and rough?
2. Is the oily excretion abundant?
3. Do the parts covered differ much in colour from those exposed to the sun?
4. Do different castes or sections of the population differ notably in colour?
5. What is the prevailing colour or complexion in parts *not* habitually exposed?
6. And what in those habitually exposed to weather and sunshine? Do freckles occur?

Eye.

The colour of the iris is very important; next in importance are the form and position of the opening.

Topinard's plan of denoting colour recognises four classes:—

1. *Dark*.—Including those which are called black-brown, dark hazel, &c.

2. *Medium or Neutral*.—Such as cannot at once, in a good light, be distinguished as light or dark. Among these are the dark greys; most of the greens; those with a predominance of orange towards the centre, but of grey and light green elsewhere, &c.

Light	}	3. Other than blue (light grey, very light, green, &c.)
	{	4. Blue.

What are the relative proportions of these four classes? The eyes should be examined from a moderate distance, so as to get a general impression of the colours.

Forms and positions:—Are the eyes placed with their long axis nearly in one horizontal plane (as in most Europeans), or are their outer angles more or less visibly elevated (as in many or most Chinese)? Are they deeply set, or *à fleur de tête*, prominent? Is the upper eyelid thick? Does it turn down at the inner angle, covering more or less the caruncle? Does the outer angle of the opening appear compressed and pointed, so as to suggest an almond shape?

Hair.

1. Is the colour in adults—1. Black, coal-black? 2. Dark brown? 3. Medium, chestnut brown? 4. Fair blond, yellow, or flaxen? 5. Red auburn?

Only adults whose hair has not begun to turn grey should be selected for this purpose. The shades are best discriminated not in sunshine, but in the shade on a bright, clear day.

2. If the hair in adults is always or usually black, what colours prevail among children?

3. Is the natural colour of the hair interfered with in any way? Some races dye the hair.

4. Is there any colour which is preferred to others?

5. Obtain specimen locks at different ages, if possible, viz., (a) at birth, (b) between 1 and 2 years, (c) 2 and 4, (d) 4 and 8, (e) 8 and 16, (f) adult.

6. Is the hair straight, slightly or much waved, curly or frizzly, or what is called woolly?

7. If curly or frizzled, is this due to nature or art?

8. Is it in great quantity?

9. What length does it attain, whether measured by the apparent distance between points and roots of the locks, or by stretching individual hairs?

10. Does it grow in separate tufts? or is it uniformly scattered over the hairy scalp?

11. Are the hairs coarse or fine in texture? round, flattened or kidney-shaped in section?

12. Have the males any beard? If not, are they beardless by nature, or do they pluck out or otherwise destroy the beard?

13. On what parts of the body besides the head, armpits, and pubes does hair grow? at what age does it begin to grow on the different parts? and in what quantities?

14. What is the difference between male and female in this respect?

15. What difference is observed in the quality and colour of the hair on different parts of the body?

16. In what direction does the hair grow on different parts of the body, hands, arms, legs, &c.?

17. At what age do greyness and baldness appear? and in what parts first?

Form of Face.

Where exact measurements of the facial features cannot be obtained, answers to the following questions may supply their place:—

1. Is the face, in a front view, square, oblong, round, elliptic, short-oval, long-oval, shield-shaped (like an escutcheon), or wedge-shaped?

2. In profile is it convex or concave?

3. In profile also, are the chin, the nose, the mouth, the eye-ridges markedly prominent? and of the supra-orbital region are

the eye-ridges proper, or the glabella (central boss) the more prominent ?

4. Is the nose straight, aquiline, hooked, concave, high-bridged (*busqué*), clubbed, or sinuous ? or has it the Chinese type (straight but flat), or the negroid (short, broad, nearly straight), or the Australoid or Papuan (broad, with the lower part forming a flattened and depressed hook) ?

5. Is the chin broad, narrow, angular, or round ?

6. Are the cheekbones broad, prominent forwards, or inconspicuous ? or is the face in this region flat ?

7. Are the lips thin, medium, or thick, or is the upper lip turned upwards and the lower lip turned downwards ?

8. Are the ears large or small, flat or outstanding, simple or finely developed ?

9. Are the lobes large or absent, attached or detached ?

Further notes on the same subject.

Proprosopic and platyprosopic are terms used to indicate whether the middle part of the face, between the level of the lower part of the nose and the supra-orbital level above, projects forward or is flat. In the former the breadth of the face at the level of the cheekbones appears diminished by these bones receding or being as if were pressed inwards ; so that the face curves regularly forward from the ears to the nose, the latter is consequently prominent and appears as a keel on the top of the arch. In the second the face is broad and flat in appearance, the cheekbones are prominent, and in extreme forms the side and front of the face are almost at right angles to one another, the bend of the angle being at the cheekbones, and the nose appears as if projecting from an almost flat surface. Extreme forms of the first type are frequently seen amongst English people, while the most marked type of the second is met with in the Eskimo and of the Chinese.

MEDICAL SECTIONS.

I.—Reproduction.

1.—*Manners and customs affecting the sexes previous to marriage.*

(a) Relating to males:—

Is there any evidence of special physical training for sexual purposes before or after puberty and preparatory to marriage (*e.g.*, circumcision, the “mika” operation, *i.e.*, artificial hypospadias, &c.) ? Is there any minimum limit of age ? Is any proof of virility required ? Is promiscuous intercourse, with or without precautions against pregnancy, permitted before marriage ? If so, what steps are taken to enforce the rules, and what punishment follows their breach ?

(b) Relating to females :—

Is there any special interference with the sexual organs in girls previous to puberty (*e.g.*, dilatation of organs, closure of vulva, &c.)? Is there any minimum limit of age? Is connection permitted before marriage, or what steps are taken to ensure chastity or prevent pregnancy?

II.—Menstruation.

At what age does menstruation usually occur? Are there any special customs or superstitions connected with (1) ordinary, (2) precocious, (3) deferred menstruation? Is purification practised subsequent to each menstruation?

III.—Marriage.

What is the average age of both sexes at marriage? Note any special customs relating to marriage ceremonies?

IV.—Pregnancy.

What means are adopted for determining that a woman is pregnant? Is she debarred from cohabitation or otherwise secluded during pregnancy? Note any special diet or other customs during pregnancy relating either to husband or wife (*e.g.*, the "couvade," &c.)?

V.—Labour.

What preparations are made in anticipation of labour (*e.g.*, as to food, dwelling, bed, assistance, seclusion, &c.)? What position is usually adopted? Note exceptions and reason for the same. What is the average duration of labour? Note any customs or superstitions regarding the caul, treatment of cord, disposal of placenta, &c. Are difficult labours common? To what are they chiefly due? How and by whom are complications treated? If a woman dies undelivered, are any means taken to save the child?

VI.—The Puerperium.

How long is a woman confined to bed? Is she subject to any special diet, system of purification, &c.?

VII.—Lactation.

What is the average duration of suckling? Is any special diet enforced? Is she restrained from sexual intercourse during this period?

VIII.—The Child.

How is the child treated immediately after birth? How are still-born children resuscitated? Is there any special treatment of

the head? Are there any special customs with regards to twins or preternatural births? Are there any customs or ceremonies connected with the naming of the child akin to baptism?

IX.—General.

What is the average number of a family? What is the relative proportion of sexes? What is the greatest number in a family? How many have been produced by one mother, and of these how many grew up? Do twins or triplets, &c., occur frequently? Ascertain, if possible, the total number of boys and girls respectively born in one given area or tribe. (This is of importance in districts where polyandry exists.) Are there any restraints on population? Is sterility in woman common? Is want of virile power complained of by men? Are drugs or other means used to produce abortion or stimulate sexual desire and power? If so, what are they? Are births out of wedlock common? What is done with the children? Whether do the lower or upper classes produce the larger families? Does population seem to be increasing, or the reverse, judging by extent of occupied land, size of cemeteries, ruins of villages, &c., as well as by report? Can the ratio of births and deaths in a community of known population be obtained.

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